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After standing firm on a proposal to reallocate public schools' resources beginning this new school year, Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., has had a change of heart and submitted a revised plan that postpones the proposed merger of Tanapag and Gregorio T. Camacho elementary schools to school year 2014-2015.

Sablan

Four days after Board of Education members met with parents at the Tanapag campus on July 22, Sablan turned in a revised proposal that indicated new recommendations.

"The PSS management and the school leadership would like to postpone the GTC and Tanapag Elementary School proposal to Phase 2 to be effec-

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider receive a briefing from an official of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Assateague* during the crew and the ship's visit to the Commonwealth last week.

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Status quo for both GTC and Tanapag schools

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Parents and community members in San Roque got a reprieve after Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero disclosed that the board will take no action on the merger proposal for Gregorio T. Camacho and Tanapag elementary schools this school year following the education commissioner's submission of a revised plan.

Guerrero

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Inos: OAG, DOI have 'looked at' Customs' alleged defective software

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the Office of the Attorney General and the U.S. Department of the Interior have "looked at" the allegedly defective computer software or system that was installed at the Division of Customs Service, but results of that review haven't been released—at least not yet.

Interior awarded almost $600,000 to Customs for the project in 2005.

"They weren't able to run the way they wanted it and the way the software was supposed to run, so basically they switched over to the AS 400 system,

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UNDER SETTLEMENT DEAL

'Retirees could get more than 75 pct.

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Seventy-five percent in retirement benefits is only the minimum that settlement class members should be entitled to, according to one of Betty Johnson's lawyers, Margery S. Bronster.

This developed as U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood surprised the par-

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Ayuyu's request for release pending sentencing OK'd

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona yesterday granted Sen. Juan M. Ayuyu's (Ind-Rota) request for temporary release from custody while he awaits his sentencing on Nov. 8, 2013.

Manglona, however, required Ayuyu to furnish the court with the original documents and signatures of the two owners of a 10,000-square-meter lot that was proposed as his $20,000 property bond.

Ayuyu's wife and his daughter were deemed suitable as his third-party custodians.

Among the terms and conditions for Ayuyu's temporary release is random drug testing by the U.S. Probation Office. He is prohibited, among other things, from having direct or indirect contact with his co-defendant, Ryan James Inos Manglona, and witnesses in his cases; from leaving the CNMI without the court's permission; and from using narcotic drugs, alcohol, and firearms.

Ayuyu

Manglona told Ayuyu not to obstruct the drug testing, to which the senator assured that he won't.

"Mr. Ayuyu, you are given the privilege to be released while waiting the sentencing," Manglona said.

The judge warned Ayuyu that if he violates any of the terms and conditions of his release, he may be subjected to revocation proceedings and the property will be forfeited or the court will order for his re-arrest.

Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe did not oppose Ayuyu's motion.

Attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Ayuyu in the fruit bat case, appeared at the hearing. Guam attorney David J. Lujan, counsel for the senator in the obstruction of justice and cell phone possession cases, did not appear as he has some family emergency matter to attend to.

In an interview after the hearing, Berline said everything has been submitted and it is just a matter of getting the original documents and signatures of the landowners because some of the papers originated from Rota and were faxed.

"The original documents need to be filed with [the] court," Berline said, adding that he is hopeful that Ayuyu will be released today, Tuesday.

When asked if Ayuyu has already resigned as a senator, Berline said he can't comment as he is not representing him in that matter.

"That's his own personal business, that's the business of the CNMI Senate," he said.

Ayuyu, 48, pleaded guilty to two charges relating to the smuggling of endangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan. Subject to the court's approval, he will receive a prison term between 33 months and 41 months.

Ayuyu has been detained since Dec. 15, 2012.

CNMI PRIDE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are joined by sons of the CNMI serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, BM2 Paul Roberto of Saipan, left, and ENS Freddy Hofschneider of Tinian, right. Roberto and Hofschneider, along with their colleagues from the Coast Guard cutter Assateague, were on Saipan last week.

WASC counters 3 statutory provisions cited by USDOE

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The Western Association of Schools and Colleges has offered a legal analysis of the three provisions of the Higher Education Act that the U.S. Department of Education is using as basis for a policy decision to stop student financial aid to the Northern Marianas College and the American Samoa Community College.

The USDOE has denied the eligibility of the baccalaureate program of the two institutions and has indicated it will take action to render the programs ineligible for Title IV grants, based on its review that the joint accreditation process is inconsistent with the Higher Education Act.

Saipan Tribune learned that USDOE cited on Feb. 1, 2013, several statutory provisions—without elaboration or explanation—that ostensibly support the USDOE's contention that the joint accreditation policy does not comply with federal legal requirements.

Three statutory provisions were:

1). Section 101 and 102 of the HEA where it indicated "the institution must be accredited by a national recognized accrediting agency;

2). Section 496(i) of the HEA "says that a dually accredited institution must explain to us why it is dually accredited and pick which accreditation shall be used in determining eligibility"; and

3). Section 496(n)(3) of the HEA "says that we must determine scope when we grant accreditation."

But according to WASC officials Dr. Barbara Beno and Ralph Wolff, Sections 101 and 102 of the HEA permits an institution to be accredited by more than one accrediting agency, contrary to USDOE's position.

"The fact that HEA sections 101 and 102 require that 'a' nationally recognized agency accredits an institution of higher education does not preclude an institution from being accredited by more than one agency," the two stated in their joint letter to USDOE in February.

For the two WASC officials, "reading HEA sections 101 and 102 to 'forbid' joint accreditation conflicts both with the cited congressional rule of construction and with section 496(i), which on its face contradicts the USDOE's interpretation of sections 101 and 102 to bar joint accreditation by more than one accrediting agency."

The fact that NMC, the Fashion Institute of Design and Marketing, and American Samoa Community College are jointly accredited for the purposes of their single baccalaureate programs does not in itself preclude them from eligibility to participate in the Title IV student financial aid programs, they added.

'Section 496(i) of HEA'

According to WASC, "the procedure by which single baccalaureate programs at FIDM and NMC were accredited satisfies, or can easily satisfy, federal law requirements."

Section 496(i) of HEA provides for situations in which an institution of higher education may be accredited by more than one agency. This section establishes a procedural requirement that the institution submit to each accrediting agency and to the USDOE the reasons for the joint accreditation.

"Although we believe that these requirements are met or can easily be met in this case, we should first address our view that the joint accreditation process at issue here falls outside the purpose of these procedural requirements. The statute and regulations, in requiring an institution to justify accreditation by more than one agency, clearly is directed at situations in which an institution—of its own volition—seeks such multiple accreditations," they said.

They said that pursuant to ACCJC and ACSCU's joint accreditation policy, FIDM, NMC, and American Samoa Community College submitted substantive change requests to ACCJC for the purposes of requesting the addition of single baccalaureate degree programs at their campuses.

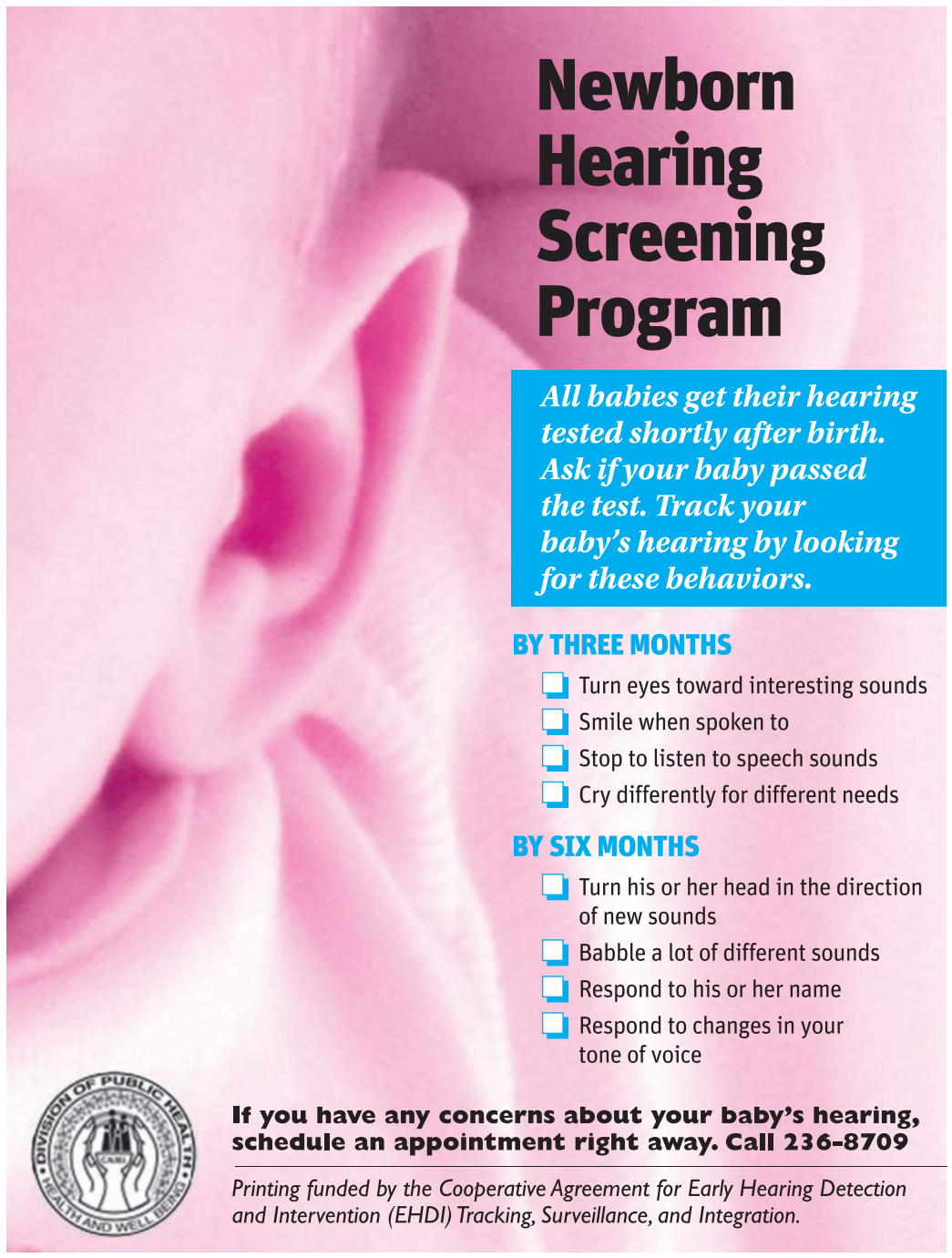
'Section 496(n)(3) of HEA'

The last statutory provisions cited by USDOE is Section 496(n)(3) of the HEA, which requires that part of the USDOE's recognition of an accrediting agency must include a determination about that agency's scope of recognition.

According to WASC officials, USDOE—in its correspondence about the policy decision—provided no basis to support its position that the joint accreditation policy does not comply with federal law.

"We thus are left to speculate about the department's reliance on this provision," they said, adding that "ACCJC and ACSCU's joint accreditation policy advances the purpose of accreditation and has caused no harm to students, institutions, or the federal interest in programs and fiscal integrity."

The USDOE is expected to render a final decision on the issue in about two weeks after agency officials met with the affected institutions' representatives last week in Washington, D.C.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Driver of car that killed moped rider issued citation

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A traffic citation was issued to a driver of a car involved in a collision that killed a moped rider in front of Judy's Restaurant in As Lito Friday afternoon, the Department of Public Safety disclosed yesterday.

DPS identified the fatality as Takeshi Kurabe, 59, a male tourist at Hafadai Beach Hotel. He was pronounced dead at the Commonwealth Health Center at 3:03pm due to head trauma.

» DPS confirms alcohol, speed factors in car crash near Aqua Resort

DPS spokesman Sgt. Tom Blas said traffic investigator Adrian Mendiola issued citation to the driver, Teresita D. Baguilan, 59, for failure to yield, unregistered vehicle, and no car insurance.

Blas said the case is still under investigation.

Blas said that traffic officers responded to the crash site along Monsignor Martinez Road corner Kostat Drive on Friday at 2:11pm.

Preliminary at-scene investigation conducted by Mendiola showed that Kurabe was driving north on a yellow moped on Monsignor Martinez Road. As Kurabe was approaching the Kostat Drive intersection, a gray 1997 Hyundai Sonata being driven by Baguilan made a left turn from the southbound lane to enter Kostat Drive.

As a result, the moped slammed into the car.

Medics tried to resuscitate Kurabe before transporting him to CHC.

The car sustained minor damage to its right side. The 2012 moped had damage to the front.

As for the car crash near Aqua Resort in Achugao, Blas confirmed yesterday that traffic investigator Mendiola determined that high speed and alcohol were factors in the accident.

Blas said the driver, Keoki Gines, 20, was last reported in stable condition at CHC, where he was found to have a fractured collar bone, lung contusion, and sprained neck.

The passenger, Randy Gines Jr., 18, was last reported in critical condition at CHC for neck injuries, fractured ribs, and lung contusion.

Blas said traffic officers responded to the crash scene along Chalan Pale Arnold Road in front of Aqua Resort on Thursday at 11:06pm.

At-scene investigation conducted by Mendiola showed that a gray 2004 Mazda 3 driven by Gines was heading north on Chalan Pale Arnold Road when it lost control and went off the roadway. The car crossed the southbound lanes and slammed into some coconut trees on the shoulder of the road.

Medics extracted the driver and the passenger of the vehicle and brought them to CHC. The car had extensive damage on the right and front portion.

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'Fund is not responsible to pay interest on members' refunds'

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The NMI Retirement Fund clarified yesterday that any interest earned by the employee contribution of members is not the responsibility of the pension agency but by the government, which will pay for the amount.

"The Fund will not be responsible for payment of interest on the Public Law 17-82 disbursement. Please note that the government is solely responsible for paying the 'regular interest' contemplated by Public Law 17-82. This means that any interest payment that may be owed to you can only be paid the government," stated the Fund in a statement yesterday.

Defined benefit members of the Fund has until today, Aug. 6, to submit a refund application before the business office closes at 5pm. The deadline is also for any members who wish to change their decision whether or not they want to terminate their membership with the pension program.

All members terminating their membership must sign a waiver before they will get any disbursement of their employee contributions. This waiver will soon be available on the Fund's website at nmiretirement.com.

A total of 1,738 DB members earlier filed for refund applications, of which only 93 have so far received their monies.

Since there is already a tentative settlement agreement in the *Johnson v. Inos* case, which proposes to disburse $10 million for the refunds, the Fund said that these 93 members will no longer be part of the group who will be paid soon.

"The 93 applicants who received money already will not be receiving a disbursement from the first $10 million released under the settlement agreement," stated the Fund.

The hearing on a motion for preliminary approval of the settlement agreement is scheduled today, while a final court determination is slated on or before Sept. 30.

"After the court preliminarily approves the settlement agreement, the [Public Law] 17-82 applicants whose applications have been submitted and processed will receive approximately 20 percent of their employee contributions. The remainder of the 17-82 applicants' employee contributions will be disbursed after the court's final approval of the settlement agreement," stated the Fund.

Although the Fund cannot immediately say how much all these refunds will cost, the agency is convinced that the total refund figure will not exceed the amount earlier set aside by the court for active members, totaling to $110 million.

The Fund's portfolio is valued at $172.2 million, based on unaudited figures as of June 30, 2013.

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Marpi landfill operations contract still in limbo

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What was supposed to be a few months of "temporary" agreement to rent equipment for the Marpi landfill operations starting in September 2012 has now stretched to almost a year, and there is still no telling whether a multi-year contract could be awarded soon to operate the landfill because of procurement protests and appeals.

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan said yesterday that DPW is asking the Office of the Public Auditor to reconsider its July 17 decision to cancel a request for proposal for the Marpi landfill operation.

OPA also ordered DPW to reissue the RFP with price/cost to the government as an evaluation factor.

Sablan said DPW as the expenditure authority wants to move ahead with awarding the contract to Tangs Corp.

SARS or Success International Corp. protested the selection of Tangs Corp. as the winning bidder for a three-year Marpi landfill operations contract, as opposed to an equipment rental service contract since September 2012.

"I don't have any intention to reissue the RFP that's why we're writing to OPA to reconsider their recommendation as far as reissuing the RFP," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* after a Cabinet meeting yesterday.

He said he briefly discussed the matter at the Cabinet meeting, which lasted until almost 1pm.

Sablan said it is "not in the best interest of the CNMI to reissue the RFP."

"If we were to re-announce this, what's going to happen if we have five other companies that are submitting [bids for this] proposal and run into another snag like what we did? OPA is not going to be the one to defend us in court if we go to court. So I'd like them to reconsider their decision or recommendation to re-announce the RFP. I don't think it's beneficial for the CNMI government to do that," Sablan said.

Under a no-bid award, SARS was previously the equipment rental service contractor for DPW since September 2012 when the previous long-term contractor for the landfill operations, PDL, decided not to renew its contract with DPW.

But when DPW started asking for price quotations from different firms, Tangs Corp. bagged the equipment rental service contract.

The temporary equipment rental service agreement was done while DPW was still procuring a multi-year landfill operations contract. Almost a year later, DPW has yet to award such contract.

OPA granted SARS' appeal over the selection of Tangs Corp. for award of the Marpi landfill contract.

The only issue is whether price should have been an evaluation factor in this RFP, OPA said.

SARS and Tangs Corp. were the only two of five offerors selected for further discussions, and it was during these discussions that price/cost to the government was discussed.

OPA said the RFP had to evaluation factors—background/experience, and operational plan for the landfill.

In its July 17 decision, OPA said since price/cost to the government was not an evaluation factor, DPW selected Tangs for award of the contract based in large part on the company's experience, even though Tangs' price was higher than that of SARS.

"The CNMI Procurement Regulations require that price/cost to the government be an evaluation factor and since price was not included in the RFP's listing of evaluation factors, the RFP was flawed," OPA said.

OPA therefore granted SARS' appeal and directed DPW to cancel the RFP and re-issue it with price included as an evaluation factor.

It said that the fact that pricing was discussed with SARS and Tangs "after" proposals had been submitted and opened, and that the RFP asked for costs in the operational plan, does not satisfy the requirement for inclusion of price in the RFP as an evaluation factor.

Sablan disagrees.

"This particular RFP has been going on for a year… The last thing they came up with, in the recommendation from OPA, was because we didn't put cost as part of the evaluation, although it is the operations that caused some issues, I don't know why they didn't take that into consideration. Having their decision to recommend to re-announce the RFP is not beneficial to the CNMI government," he said.

RETIREES

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ties in Johnson's lawsuit by opening the hearing yesterday to the public instead of conducting the proceedings in her chamber as originally scheduled.

Tydingco-Gatewood questioned many of the details in the settlement agreement that the parties submitted in court on Friday for preliminary approval. The judge will hold a hearing today, Tuesday, at 10am, on Johnson's motion for a preliminary approval of the settlement deal.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* after the hearing, Bronster said the bigger question now is whether class members will be getting 75 percent of their retirement benefits. "I think everyone agrees to that," she said.

Bronster pointed out that there are provisions in the settlement agreement that say that if the Legislature chooses to pay more, then the retirees could get more than 75 percent.

If the economy in the CNMI improves significantly, there is a provision in the agreement for the retirees to get more, she added. "So the 75 percent is the minimum that they should be entitled to."

As this point, Bronster said, she believes that the parties are in agreement on virtually on all issues.

She said the only issue that the court will have to decide later is the payment of the attorneys for Johnson. She, however, assured that such payment will not come out of the retirees' money.

Bronster said the hearing for today, Tuesday, is very important because the judge is going to decide whether or not she will preliminarily approve the settlement agreement.

"And if she does, then we will be able to send out notices to the class. We will be able to go forward with the settlement as long as enough people decide to stay in the class," she said.

Bronster said they are hopeful that the CNMI government will meet its obligation under the settlement agreement but if it fails to do so, there is a $779 million judgment that Johnson will be able to go and enforce.

Bronster said another question is whether or not class members are entitled to interest on that if the government fails to meet its obligations.

At yesterday's conference, assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel, one of the four counsels for the CNMI government who appeared at the hearing, expressed the government's opposition to imposing any interest.

Patel, however, agreed that it is up to the judge to rule on the interest issue.

Bronster said if the government fails to meet its obligations, then Johnson wants to make sure that the retirees receive all the money they are entitled to plus interest.

Among the issues that were also argued at the hearing was the redaction of confidential information that Fund trustee *ad litem* Joseph Razzano put in his bills.

The government wants to see those bills without the redaction of information. Razzano opposed, saying those are covered by attorney-client privilege information.

Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that she is going to keep the privileged information and that none can see those. The judge noted that she looked at those redacted information and did not find them improper.

INOS

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which is still working until today," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* after a Cabinet meeting yesterday.

Unlike the NMI Retirement Fund, which sued Gary Sword and his company, Express Electronics, for the allegedly defective software, Customs or the Department of Finance did not go after the contractor.

"It's been looked at… by the AG's Office including the Interior," Inos said, when asked whether he has asked the OAG to investigate what had happened at Customs with regard to the software or system installation.

He added that "inquiries have been made about that particular engagement in the past."

"Actually the AG's Office has been asked to look into that some time ago," Inos said.

As to the findings of that review, the governor said he may have to check with the OAG.

Attorney General Joey Patrick San Nicolas has yet to respond to media inquiries on the matter.

Customs Director Joe Mafnas reiterated yesterday that the matter "may have already reached the higher ups."

Mafnas was no longer the Customs director when the software was installed in 2005, and only returned to Customs early this year, long after the system was shut down because of malfunctions.

Former and current Customs officials and personnel said the almost $600,000 Interior grant may have gone to waste because the system or software installed allegedly did not function as expected to meet Customs' needs.

Customs officials and personnel said the CNMI may have also been unable to collect thousands of dollars in taxes because Customs data were lost in the process, when the Interior-funded software did not function properly.

Sword's Express Electronics was supposed to install a system that will make it far easier for Customs to track imports and assess tariffs on goods coming into the CNMI, among other things.

Even the NMI Retirement Fund took its time to finally sue Sword and Express Electronics in early 2012, four years after the contract over the allegedly defective software was executed. By then, the Fund had already paid Sword.

The Marshall Islands government is also running after Sword for alleged failure to fulfill a contract obligation also involving a management software system. The Marshall Islands Attorney General's Office accused Sword of "flagrantly breaching the trust reposed on them by the people of Marshall Islands."

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tive [school year] 2014-2015. The purpose for delaying the timeline for GTC and Tanapag Middle School is to make some improvement with the school parking lot, the road egress at Mamate Loop and the school fence at GTC Elementary School. Our goal is to assure parents and staff the safety of the students and availability of parking and vehicular and emergency egress," Sablan told BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero in her letter incorporating the revised plan.

The plan was first submitted to the board on June 10. It was opposed and was criticized by many parents and community members in the affected schools—all questioning the timing of the merger and the alleged "lack of proper information and preparation" from the school system.

In earlier presentations during committee meetings, PTSA assemblies, and the full board, Sablan said the system is ready to implement the plan. The board was informed of a host of preparation being done to ensure the smooth transition once classes open in September. These included campus repairs in the affected schools, professional development trainings for personnel, and the appointment of school administrators and teachers, among others.

Under Sablan's original proposal, the merger for GTC-Tanapag schools will take effect this new school year under Phase 1 of the project. GTC will house kindergartners to 5th graders while the Tanapag campus will be renamed Tanapag Middle School. At the same time, Kagman Elementary School will be reconfigured to house kindergartners to 5th graders and its sixth graders will be transferred to the Chacha Oceanview Jr. High, which will become a middle school and will house 6th to 8th graders beginning next month.

Under the revised plan, the reconfiguration of KagES and Chacha Oceanview Middle School will still be implemented this new school year, leaving this as the only item in Phase 1 of the project. KagES is expected to have an enrollment of 450 while Chacha Oceanview Middle School will have 336 students.

Sablan said that there will be no changes in Phase 2 of the project except for the inclusion of the merger plan for GTC and Tanapag Middle School, which was taken out from Phase 1.

Phase 2 would also include the merger of San Vicente and Dandan elementary schools, creating K-5 at SVES and transforming DES into a middle school. Also included is the merger of Koblerville and San Antonio elementary schools and the creation of a middle school in the area. All these will be implemented in school year 2014-2015. The GTC-Tanapag merger is now part of this phase.

In Phase 3, once the Koblerville Junior High School is completed, the PSS management wants this school converted into a high school to relieve the overcrowding at Marianas High School.

"Our school leadership and the PSS management will coordinate our efforts to achieve the improvements at GTC and to complete the plan of action for Phase 2 of the middle school proposal," according to Sablan.

STATUS

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Guerrero confirmed yesterday the request to delay the merger plan for the two schools to next school year. This time, the request did not come from community members but from the Public School System itself.

"The commissioner is recommending the Phase II schools be implemented next school year to address the timing, safety and other issues with the schools," he said.

On Thursday, the full board is expected to decide on the revised proposal, removing the merger of GTC and Tanapag from Phase 1 and moving it to Phase 2, which will be enforced next school year. The full board is also expected to adopt a "status quo" on the operation of GTC and Tanapag schools.

"The revised proposal is the one that will be entertained by the board at its meeting this Thursday," Guerrero said.

At the height of oppositions and criticisms of the controversial merger plan, some board members expressed unwillingness to just approve the planned changes for this school year, concerned about inadequate preparations by the PSS management.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that the board "seriously considered" the concerns raised by parents and stakeholders, particularly on the security and welfare of students.

He disclosed that Education Commissioner Rita Sablan, Ed.D., submitted the revised plan after meeting with parents of Tanapag and GTC students. Prior to the July 22 meeting between BOE and the parents, PSS officials also had a series of meetings with the same stakeholders on similar issues.

"After the meeting with the parents of affected schools of Tanapag and GTC, the commissioner submitted a revised proposal to delay any merger for one year with the exception of Kagman Elementary School and Chacha Oceanview Junior High School. The commissioner is proposing the merger of these two schools and reconfigure for Kagman Elementary School (Grades K-5) and Chacha Junior High School (Grades 6-8) and renaming it to Chacha Oceanview Middle School. The proposal for other schools will be implemented for Phase 2. It seems that stakeholders' main concern is the timing and safety," added Guerrero.

Seven schools stop accepting foreign students

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The influx of foreign students in the Commonwealth is expected to decline beginning this school year following disclosure that many schools that were previously approved to enroll foreign students have given up the opportunity to do so.

The Department of Commerce disclosed this to *Saipan Tribune*, confirming that only a few institutions have signified their continued interest to host foreign students.

Based on regulations, educational institutions that enroll students who are holders of a foreign student entry permit must be certified by the Commerce secretary before accepting the students. The certification reflects only the institution's authorization to accept foreign students who are present in the Commonwealth or seeking entry to the CNMI under a foreign student entry permit.

Records obtained from Commerce show that only six educational institutions are expected to enroll foreign students this school year after seven others either opted not to renew their certification or closed down.

Records approved for released by Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar and prepared by Maggie Camacho show that the institutions that have been certified for the new school year are Eucon International College, Eucon International School, Mount Carmel Schools, and Northern Marianas College.

Camacho said the Marianas Baptist Academy was also provisionally approved pending the submission of some documents while the Saipan International School will be submitting a renewal application by the end of this month.

Based on the records, three institutions were marked as closed: the University of Loyola, the Saipan American Educational Foundation, and the Calvary Christian Academy.

Four others have certificates that expired on July 31, 2013: Grace Christian Academy, Agape Christian School, Saipan Community School, and Seventh-Day Adventist School.

Three institutions have notified Commerce of their closure: University of Loyola and Saipan American Foundation School, whose certificates expired on July 31, 2012, and Calvary Christian Academy, which shut down last year. Its certificate expired on Nov. 1, 2010.

When asked for the reasons behind the nonrenewal of many educational institutions, Camacho said the reason is usually not shared with the department. "Therefore, we realistically cannot comment on that," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

She cited, however, the rising cost of running these schools and the added requirements of the federal government as possible reasons for the decrease in the number of certified schools.

Camacho believes that another factor is the diminishing number of students in private schools, with many parents transferring their children to public schools.

Fee waivers for NMC info session participants

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's free information session will qualify to receive fee waivers for the NMC admission application and placement tests for the upcoming fall 2013 semester—a savings of up to $75.

The info session will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, in Room D-1 at the As Terlaje campus from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Those interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend this event to meet and speak with faculty and staff from the college's different degree and certificate programs.

Counseling, financial aid, admissions, and other NMC staff will also be on hand to answer questions and to assist in the admissions and financial aid process.

The college will also be accepting admissions application for the fall 2013 semester at the info session. The deadline for submitting applications was originally on July 31, but the college is making an exception for those who attend and submit their application at the info session.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at (670) 234-5498 Ext. 6768 or email admissions coordinator Lisa Rafael at lisa.rafael@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Auxillian to lead 6-man team for mobile consular services

Consul Edgar Thomas Q. Auxillian of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam will lead a six-person team that will conduct mobile consular services on Saipan starting tomorrow, Aug. 7, until Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Dai-dai Social Hall at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral.

Aside from Auxillian, also flying in tomorrow to Saipan are passport officer Francisco Magno, communications and information officer Allan Tangayan, assistance to nationals officer Bonifacio Hilonggo, finance officer Ma. Bernadeth Galura, and staff Ivy Tongco.

Auxillian said he, Tangayan, Magno, and Hilonggo just finished conducting mobile consular services on Tinian yesterday and Galura and Tongco will meet up with them to help the same activities on Saipan.

The Philippine diplomat said some 64 passport applicants were served by the Philippine Consulate General yesterday, Sunday, and Saturday on Tinian.

Among the services offered by Auxillian and company during the three-day mobile consular services on Saipan are passport applications and renewals, civil registry and notarial services, report of birth, report of marriage, report of death, acknowledgements (special power of attorney, general power of attorney, contracts), jurat (affidavits), NBI clearance applications, and authentication/verification of employment contracts.

For more information about the mobile consular outreach on Saipan, call the Philippine Consulate General in Guam at 682-2222 (toll free). ***(Mark Rabago)***

August Chamber meeting on Wed.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will conduct its August general membership luncheon meeting tomorrow, Aug. 7, 2013, at the Kanoa Resort on Saipan. Luncheon will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin promptly at 12pm.

Igor Karapetyan, owner of the K Family group of companies, will present a look at the CNMI's emerging Russian tourism market. Karapetyan will provide information on his Saipan investments, trends with our incoming Russian tourists and suggestions to the CNMI government on how best to capitalize on this important part of the tourism industry.

Also providing a presentation will be Kevin Camacho of the Bank of Guam. He will discuss Bank of Guam's part in utilizing the U.S. Treasury's State Small Business Credit Initiative here in the CNMI. This may be of great interest to CNMI small business owners.

Luncheon is $20 for SCC Members, and $30 for guests and the general public. Call Emi at 233-7150, or email coordinator@saipanchamber.com for reservations. *(SCC)*

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NMTI board reorganizes for resumption of classes

Soon after the untimely passing of its founder, the late Anthony Pellegrino, a group of passionate community members concerned about sustainable local workforce development reorganized the new Northern Marianas Trades Institute board of directors. The NMTI charter and bylaws were amended and duly filed at the CNMI Corporate Registrar and a new set of officers was elected.

The new partner members include board chair John Oliver Gonzales of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library; vice chair Joseph T. Torres of Torres Refrigeration; secretary Maggie S. Sablan of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation; treasurer Josephine DLG. Mesta of Hyatt Regency Saipan; and members Rodante "Don" N. Yumul of YCO Corp; Rip Stephanson of Prime Procurement Inc.; Victorino S. Cepeda of NMTI; Herman B. Cabrera of Cabrera & Associates; and Margaret "Miki" Pellegrino Ranjo (honorary member).

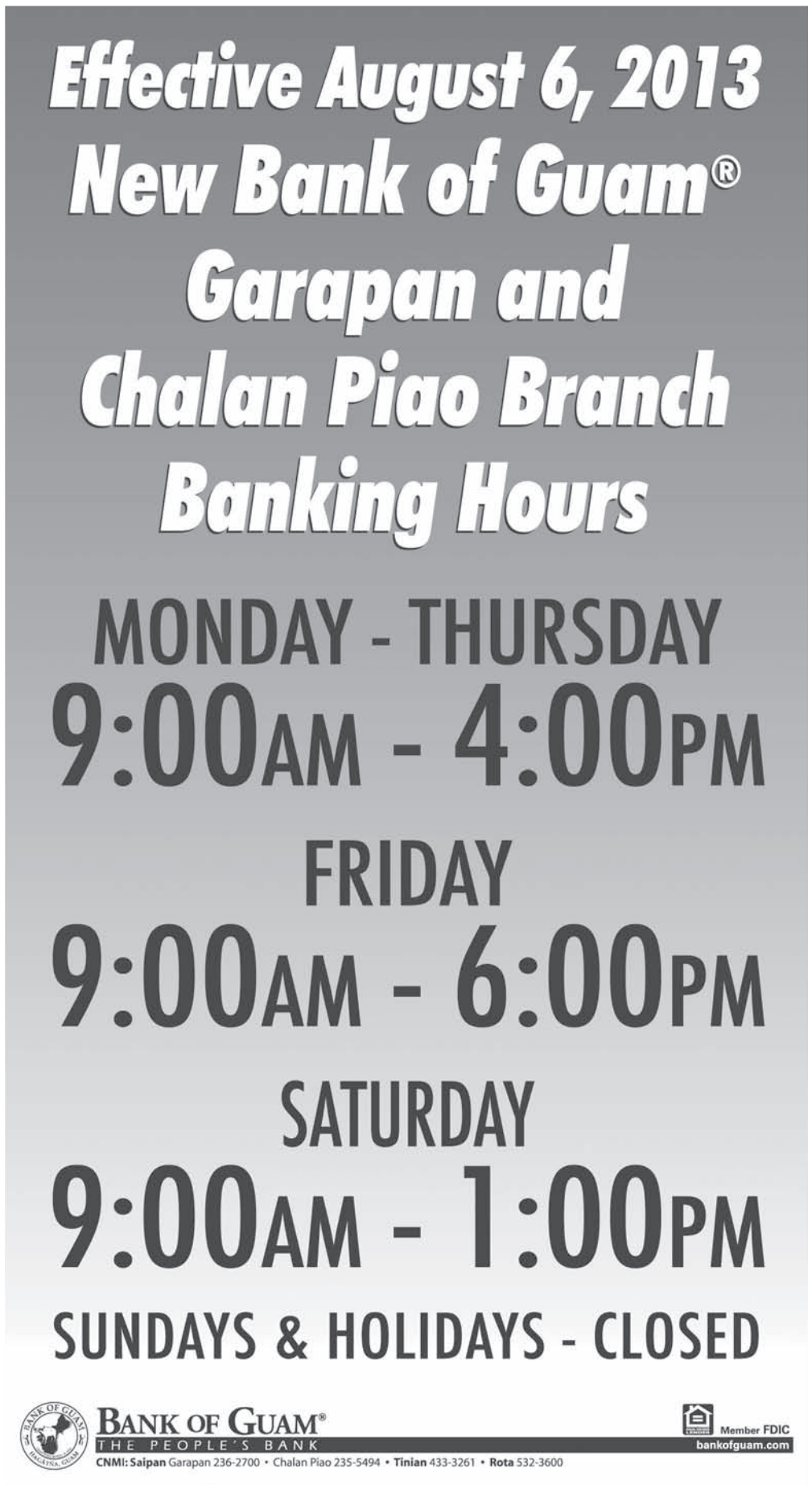
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Members of the new Northern Marianas Trades Institute board of directors pose for a group shot.

The new board immediately submitted new corporate documents and met with Ways & Means Committee chair Rep. Tony P. Sablan and his committee members to share the successes and challenges of NMTI since its opening in 2008.

They also plan to meet with other key partners, including the Department of Labor, Senate, Saipan Chamber of Commerce, Saipan Rotary Club, Hotel Association of the NMI, Society of Human Resource Management, Public School System, Northern Marianas College, etc.

NMTI's core mission is centered on vocational and skills based training of U.S. workers, to reduce the CNMI's reliance on a nonresident labor force. Its two primary focus areas are to provide courses and skills based training to local and U.S. residents and to offer classes in current occupational areas in private industries that employ the highest number of foreign workers. All courses and training will integrate soft skills trainings to supplement the skills-based course work and to provide guaranteed job placements to participants.

NMTI classes are starting soon. Call 235-6684 or email: nmti@pticom.com. ***(PR)***



Parties in Taylor's suit vs Buckingham settle

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The parties in the age discrimination lawsuit filed by former CNMI government lawyer James William Taylor against former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham have reached a settlement.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan said the parties and their lawyers met him for a settlement conference on Thursday, from 9am to 2pm, and from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

"A settlement between the parties was achieved," said the judge in a post-settlement conference notice filed in court on Friday.

No other details were included in the notice.

Taylor, a retired U.S. Air Force officer, filed the lawsuit against Buckingham, the CNMI government, and the Office of the Attorney General. Attorney Robert T. Torres is counsel for Taylor.

Taylor alleged that Buckingham fired him in 2011 without following proper procedures to save on cost and in retaliation for his advice against the approval of some sole-source contracts.

In his reply to the lawsuit, Buckingham asserted, among other things, that Taylor's claims are barred, in whole or in part, because they were not timely filed.

The Office of the Attorney General had filed a motion to dismiss the claims. Assistant attorney general Reena J. Patel asserted, among other things, that Taylor had not stated sufficient facts to support his Age Discrimination in Employment Act claim as his complaint alleges that cost savings, rather than age, motivated the alleged adverse action.

CNMI readies for Exercise KONFITMA

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office is informing the public that the U.S. Army Pacific's Weapons of Mass Destruction - Civil Support Team/CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package Training and Readiness Division, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the CNMI response community, will be conducting a 36-hour all-hazard Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive situational training exercise.

Exercise "KONFITMA" is scheduled for Friday Aug. 9, to Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013.

The full scale exercise will serve as an interagency, multi-CST STX on Saipan to maintain operational response procedures during an incident of national significance in order to create conditions to reinforce interoperability among the state and local stakeholders. The exercise will take place at various locations throughout the island of Saipan: Garapan, Governor's Office, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., Kagman High School, Koblerville, As Gonno, Kagman II, San Roque, Marpi, and the ports of Saipan (airport and seaport).

To ensure the safety of the community, the HSEM and partner agencies ask that the general public take extra precautionary measures when near any of the various exercise locations. For more information, contact the CNMI HSEM at 664-2216 or 237-8001/2/3. ***(Office of the Governor)***

IT&E – Beach Clean Up

San Jose, Saipan

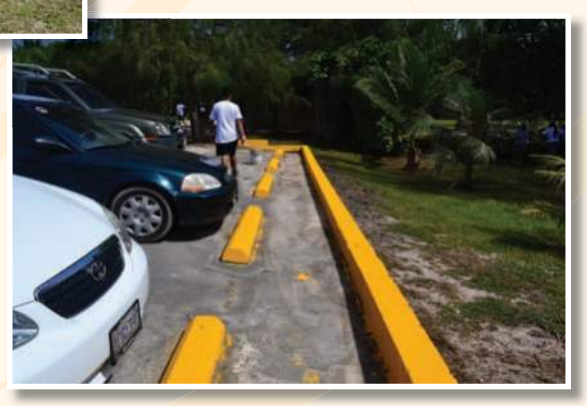
It was an early morning for the folks that came out to the IT&E Beach Clean Up at Marine Beach in Kagman last Saturday July 27. A host of volunteers plus family and friends joined the Beach Clean-Up and Pala pala re-painting. Graffiti was painted over and the surrounding trash at the beach was collected by the volunteers.

Janice Tenorio, Customer Service Manager and Coordinator for the Beach Clean Up, commented that "the turnout of IT&E staff and volunteers were wonderful." She mentioned joining the group was Congressman Antonio Agulto, Former Speaker and now Executive Director, of Parks & Recreation Eli Cabrera. Also lending a helping hand with the trash pick-up and re-painting of the Pala palas were volunteers from DEQ, DLNR and visiting crew from the submarine USS Albuquerque.

Rob Harrell, IT&E Customer Service Operations & Executive Director, commented that the volunteers really put their hearts into the cleanup. "We had folks going back into the jungle and getting all kinds of trash and debris." "The spirit everyone showed was overwhelming and everyone should be congratulated for a job well done. He went on to say the Pala palas look so nice once they were painted over." For sure everyone will appreciate that when having family picnics."

IT&E Managing Director for the CNMI, Rose Soledad said"the group helping out with the trash clean-up and re-painting were awesome." "IT&E is a big part of the CNMI community. This is just one of the ways we like to continue to contribute to everyone's enjoyment when they come down to one of Saipan's most beautiful beach areas."

Donations of food, water, snacks and material for the Beach Clean Up were gratefully given by; Sherwin Williams & Safety First Systems, Senate President Ralph DLG Torres, Cong. Larry Deleon Guerrero, Cong. Antonio Agulto, DEQ, Juan S. Tenorio (Santiago), Ray S. Tenorio (Santiago), water buffalo pumps provided by Executive Dir., for Park's & Rec. Eli Cabrera and last but not least delicious snacks provided by Janice A. Tenorio.



‘Dig Into Reading’ group visits Saipan Zoo

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Volunteer Rose Indalecio helps one of the participants of the “Dig Into Reading” summer program feed a deer at the Saipan Zoo last Friday.

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More than 80 participants of the “Dig Into Reading” experienced on Friday one of the highlights of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library summer program—a visit to the Saipan Zoo.

JKPL Children’s Library associate Erlinda Naputi said the field trip was a sort of reward for participants of the month-long “Dig Into Reading” as only those who attended at least 80 percent of the Monday-to-Saturday program were eligible to make the trip.

Saipan Zoo’s Oceana and Sunshine Aldan served as tour guides during the field trip and patiently answered the multitude of questions from the “Dig Into Reading” participants, a majority of whom are grade level students.

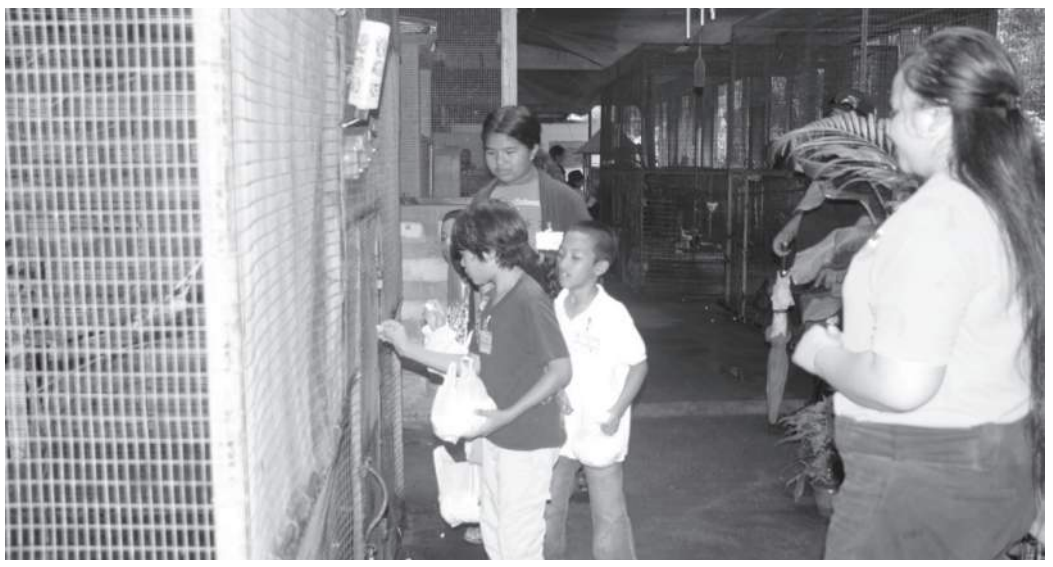
The first part of the tour had the children visiting the cages of more familiar animals like rabbits, chickens, and the indigenous coconut crab. They then proceeded to the aviary where they marveled at the exotic birds like the emu, peacocks, and parrots.

A lot of them stopped by the Marianas fruit bat cage where an adult and younger bat were nesting. One of the parents pointed out that the bat species is endangered and even caused one Rota senator to plead guilty to smuggling several dead fruit bats to Saipan.

A visit to the cages of the leopard, monkey, turtles, different species of goats, the lion, and the tiger also brought smiles to the children’s faces.

It was interesting to note that the zoo layout had the lion’s den next to the goat habitat and the leopard living in close proximity to one of the chicken coops.

Aldan said they do that to keep the two big cats active, knowing and sensing their “prey” is literally just next door. A visit to the tiger’s cage, however, was a bit disappointing as the world’s biggest cat shied away from the public most of the time.



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Participants of the “Dig Into Reading” summer program feed the Marianas fruit bat while Saipan Zoo’s Sunshine Aldan looks on.

MARK RABAGO
“Dig Into Reading” participants take turns handling a rabbit at the Saipan Zoo.

Some of the children got a kick with feeding popcorn to the animals. The popcorn cost only $1 and was available at the zoo’s concessionaries stand.

“It was a nice and awesome experience. We got to feed the animals. My favorite one was the monkey. When I was feeding it, it was using its hands first until it reached it mouth and then it ate the popcorn,” said Princess Rain Cania.

Oleai Elementary School’s Antherton Kapwich said that “Lambert” the lion was the most impressive, with his thick main and regal stature.

“Lambert” mostly stared at the visitors during the tour, but as the children and their chaperones were boarding the bus, he could be heard roaring as if saying goodbye.

For Jzl Santonin, another Oleai Elementary School student, the animal she liked the most were the rabbits because they seemed to be the most docile.

Sayjee Gonzales of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School liked seeing the animals and feeding them. He was most impressed with the leopard because of its spots and because “it looked fierce.”

Even the volunteers couldn’t help enjoying themselves.

“I really had fun. It was my second time to visit the zoo. My first time there were no big cats yet. It was hard to enjoy initially because we’re watching the kids. But in the end we still got to enjoy and I plan to go back,” said Grace Velena.

Leilani Gomez was more excited for the children and fellow volunteers who haven’t been to the zoo.

“A lot of them haven’t gone here before. It was also exciting for some of us volunteers because some us of haven’t been to the zoo for a long time.”

Daphne Dela Cruz said they had to balance their joy of being on the field trip and taking care of the kids. She also appreciated that the Saipan Zoo is around to feature these “amazing animals.”

“Overall it was a fun experience and also challenging taking care of other people’s kids but knowing that they enjoyed themselves was good enough for us, especially since some of the volunteers haven’t been here. Awesome that kids saw the tiger, lion, and monkey. It’s a good feeling that even though Saipan is small, we have these kinds of animals here.”

JKPL’s “Dig Into Reading” summer program has been ongoing since 2006.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS’ HEADLINES

August 6, 2005

‘No US military reps in Tinian events’

Due to an apparent disagreement, no representatives from the U.S. military, particularly the Guam-based Commander Naval Forces Marianas will be attending today’s 60th commemoration of the Atomic Mission to Japan on Tinian. Phillip M. Long, who heads the Tinian Mayor’s Office organizing committee, yesterday confirmed that, “COMNAVMAR is not supporting the event.” “It disappoints all the veterans that are here,” said Long. He said that while COMNAVMAR agreed to allow the Tinian government to use the military-controlled Northfield, a World War II runway used to launch the B-29 planes that dropped the atomic bombs in Japan 60 years ago, it sent no representatives to the commemoration rites.

Pagan task force moves at a snail’s pace

It’s been eight months since the Marianas Public Lands Authority created a task force to study Pagan pozzolan, but to date, there is little hope that the group can begin work soon. MPLA said yesterday that the agency had completed the first step in organizing the multi-sector group and that was to create an in-house task force made up of MPLA employees. “We’ve selected the key group of MPLA employees to assist the Board in this task force. This Board and Agency is working diligently on ensuring which types of pozzolan extraction methods are the most suitable,” said Nicolas Nekai, who was designated to head the task force. Nekai also disclosed that MPLA had received submissions from companies that offer “revolutionary” ways of determining the amount of pozzolan on Pagan.

August 6, 2006

Sumitomo: We’re here for the long term

New telecom investor Sumitomo Corp. has expressed its desire to expand its business operations in the CNMI. “We want to be long-term investors. We want to be partners of the CNMI. We don’t only want to invest but we want to do business here. We have to contribute to the society and we care about the CNMI,” said Sumitomo Corp. general manager Takifuji Sone in his remarks during a courtesy call on Gov. Benigno R. Fitial last week. Sumitomo recently poured $25 million worth of investment in Pacific Telecom Corp., which translates to a 25-percent share in new capital for the telecom company. The company remains 100 percent owned by the Delgado family.

2 schools given recycling prizes

In a continuing effort to clean up the island through recycling, Basula Produkto recently gave out prizes to two local schools for their effort in the 2005 America Recycles Program. In a statement issued Friday, Basula Produkto president Eric Cruz said that Mt. Carmel School won $134 and Dandan Elementary School won $105 for their participation in the national recycling program. These two schools were among 23 public and private schools that participated in the program. All other schools have already received their cash awards.

August 6, 2007

Govt lawsuit vs CUC dismissed

The Superior Court has dismissed the government’s controversial lawsuit against the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. after the parties finally reached a settlement agreement. According to the settlement agreement, the government paid CUC $47.8 million from May 2004 to Sept. 2006. “For good cause shown and pursuant to stipulation and settlement agreement of the parties, this action is hereby dismissed with prejudice,” said the order issued on Friday by associate judge David A. Wiseman. Wiseman said the parties in the lawsuit are to bear their own court costs and expenses. Pursuant to the parties’ request, the judge also substituted the CNMI government as plaintiff in the case.

Taotao Tano lashes out at Senate over hearing delay

The Taotao Tano citizen group lashed out at Sen. Luis Crisostimo on Friday for postponing the oversight hearing on the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Taotao Tano president Gregorio Cruz said the cancellation was unjustified. Originally set for today, the oversight hearing by the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications was rescheduled for Sept. 14. CUC executive director Anthony C. Guerrero cannot make it today because he is off-island. CUC has also asked for more time to prepare the financial records and other documents requested by Crisostimo’s committee.

DPS to open 'koban' in CK, Susupe

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Following the success of its Tourism Oriented Policing Station in Garapan, the Department of Public Safety is now training its sights on the villages of Susupe and Chalan Kanoa, which, according to DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero, have the highest incidence of crime in the CNMI.

Deleon Guerrero and DPS Patrol Division's Sgt. Joe Saures met with members of the Village Neighborhood Watch of Susupe and Chalan Kanoa early Thursday evening to inform them of DPS' plan to field bike patrols and enhance the police's presence in the area.

Also in attendance were Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho and Reps. Ralph Demapan (IR-Saipan) and John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), whose election district covers Susupe and Chalan Kanoa.

MARK RABAGO

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho speaks to members of the Susupe and Chalan Kanoa Village Neighborhood Watch during a meeting Thursday while Patrol Division's Sgt. Joe Saures and Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero look on.

Deleon Guerrero said DPS is looking at implementing increased police presence in the area as early as this week.

He said they are still scouting for an ideal site for a police "koban" that their units can use as headquarters and are looking at abandoned and idle government buildings in Susupe and Chalan Kanoa for this purpose.

Camacho offered the Municipal Council office beside the U.S. Post Office as a temporary staging point of DPS' heightened patrol activities in the two villages.

However, Deleon Guerrero said they are looking for a building that will allow them to secure their equipment as well as have enough space for a holding and interview area for suspects.

He also explained that they are reaching out to the Village Neighborhood Watch to get input from them on how to best curb criminality in the two villages.

His ultimate goal is for residents of these villages to not lock their homes every time they walk out of the door, knowing that police will be there to safeguard their property and that criminals have been rooted out of Susupe and Chalan Kanoa.

An individual at the meeting said that one of the biggest problems when it comes to the rise in criminality in the two villages is the lack of education, and sometimes concern, among residents.

She said when her home was robbed a couple of months back, her neighbor, who witnessed the burglary, hesitated to call the police because she didn't know exactly what to do.

To this end, Deleon Guerrero said that DPS will also initiate education and information campaigns to help residents in the area.

NMC fall 2013 registration begins Aug. 12

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's upcoming fall 2013 semester will begin on Monday, Aug. 12, and run through Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013. Students can register on the day designated for their PowerCampus ID number during this week. Late registration is on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013.

Those who missed the fall 2013 admission application deadline on July 31 can still submit their application if they attend the NMC information session scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. The event will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Room D-1 at the NMC As Terlaje campus. Attendees will also receive waivers for the application and placement test fees.

All new or returning (readmitted to NMC) students are required to attend a student orientation prior to registration to be allowed to register for courses. Students will need to confirm which orientation they will be attending by contacting the Office of Admissions and Records at 234-5498 Ext. 6772/6769.

In addition, new students are required to take the English and Math placement tests before they register. Students may schedule to take the placement tests by contacting testing coordinator Daniel Kintol, at 234-5498 Ext. 6774 or visiting the Testing Center in Building I. After taking the placement tests, students can meet with their academic advisors, who will assist students complete registration forms and create class schedules.

Students may register between 9am and 6pm Monday through Friday during registration week. Note that students under Disability Support Services may register on Monday, Aug. 5, through Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013, from 9am to 4:30pm.

Ongoing students must obtain registration clearance at the Finance Office, the NMC Library and/or Office of Admissions and Records before they can register for classes. To find out if any holds exist, students can visit the Office of Admissions and Records in Building N or call 234-5498 ext. 6772/6769.

For additional information about registration for the fall 2013 semester, visit the Office of Admissions and Records or call 234-5498 Ext. 6772/6769, or log on to www.marians.edu. ***(NMC)***

IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug. 5-8: Registration for students under disability support services
- Aug. 7: Student orientation for new and returning students (9am-11:30am, Room D-1)
- Aug. 8: Student orientation for new and returning students (5pm-7:30pm, Room D-1)
- Aug. 12: Registration for students with PC #s 000000100 through 000013000
- Aug. 13: Registration for students with PC #s 000013001 through 000016310
- Aug. 14: Registration for students with PC #s 000016311 through 000018400
- Aug. 15: Registration for new, ongoing and re-admitted students, and students with PC #s 000018401 and Higher
- Aug. 16: Late registration

Water outage today in Koblerville

Koblerville residents will experience a nine-hour partial water outage today, Aug. 6, 2013, from 8am to 5pm, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, AIC Marianas Inc., to replace non-working fire hydrants on Tinaktak Dr. This project is part of the Koblerville Gate Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The partial water outage will affect residents living on Tinaktak Dr., Tottotville, and higher elevation homes in the Koblerville area. This outage was originally scheduled for last Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, but was cancelled and moved to Tuesday due to bad weather.

CUC's operations team and AIC Marianas will be working hard to return service to customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 24, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 010 K 247, situated in Dandan, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 846 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987, as Document No. 87-2909, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 16, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 1st day of July, 2013:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth
of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

A G E N D A

I. Preliminary
- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Adoption of Agenda

II. Unfinished Business
- a) Hearing on TDHC Motion for Reconsideration of TCGCC Order No. 13-001-05212013

III. Adjournment

(Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time)

13th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
BOE Conference Room
Bwughos Street, Susupe, Saipan, MP

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. July 11, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

II. Public Comments[1]

III. Reports
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. CIP
   b. FPA
   c. ISA
   d. LIA
   e. Student Issues, Community and Parent Programs (SICPP)
   f. Ad Hoc on Joint BOE-NMC BOR
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program Update
   c. Other matters

IV. Unfinished Business
1. Middle School Plan (School Resources & Budget)

V. New Business
1. Ratification of Comments on HB 18-91 re School Choice
2. Ratification of Comments on HB 18-64 to renamed the Rota Jr./Sr. High School to Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr./Sr. High School
3. COE 2014 Goal
4. Write Off $287,797.73 for Pre-1999 Travel Balances

VI. Executive Session[2]
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters
1. Certification & Licensure Matters
   a. Endorsement of Certification & Licensure Office Recommendations
      a. Basic I
      b. Basic II
      c. Standard with Endorsement
      d. Standard without Endorsement (renewal)
      e. Professional

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

[1] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
NOTICE OF MEETING
OF THE
CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Coastal Resources Management Office (CRMO) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Friday, August 09, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. at the CRM Office located behind the Department of Public Safety Bureau of Motor Vehicle in Susupe.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

KALABERA CAVE DEVELOPMENT - CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-2013-X-049
- a. Permit Application Summary
- b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
- c. Permit Application Status

SAIPAN SURFRIDER LLC - CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-98-X-070(2013 AMEND)
- a. Permit Application Summary
- b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
- c. Permit Application Status

TASI HOMES DEVELOPMENT - CRM PERMIT NO. SMS-2013-X-031
- a. Permit Application Summary
- b. Discussion by CRM Agencies/CRMO
- c. Permit Application Status

III. OTHER MATTERS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ ANA C. AGULTO
Acting Administrator

Opinion

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What I did on my summer vacation...
ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MY MOM PICKED ME UP AND TOOK ME SHOPPING FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL STUFF. THAT WAS YESTERDAY.
APPARENTLY, SOME KIDS THINK THEIR BREAK SHOULD HAVE BEEN LONGER.
KOTERBA
OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

EDITORIAL

Middle East needs more than just talks

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer *on Friday, Aug. 2:*

Can you blame Americans for not getting excited about new peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians? It's not that we don't care, but we know these talks alone won't bring stability to the region.

Uncertainty reigns throughout the Mideast. The Arab Spring, rather than settling how countries will be governed, has muddied the answer to that question in Egypt and Syria, and spawned related problems for Lebanon and Jordan. Meanwhile, Iran cements its hegemony, and Iraq again falls into sectarian strife.

The many predecessors to the new peace talks have also made it difficult to believe success is imminent. Start with the U.N. Security Council resolution in 1967; followed by the Camp David Accords in 1978; the Madrid conference in 1991; the Oslo agreement in 1993; the Camp David talks in 2000; the Taba talks in 2001; the Arab Peace Initiative in 2002; the road map and Geneva Accord in 2003; the Annapolis conference in 2007; and the Washington talks in 2010.

Nor does the timing of the new talks erase pessimism. They seemed to come out of thin air, though White House officials say President Obama "kick-started" the renewal of negotiations during his Mideast trip in March. Since then, Secretary of State John Kerry has taken up the assignment with obvious zeal. He has traveled to the region a half-dozen times, and is said to have made countless phone calls leading up to Monday's meeting in Washington with Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and Palestinian representative Saeb Erekat.

President Obama met the negotiators Tuesday. The talks concluded that day with an agreement to reconvene in two weeks and begin more detailed negotiations.

The devil is in the details, as they say, so the next stage of the talks should determine their worth. The ultimate goal is to create a Palestinian state that can exist peaceably next door to Israel. Establishing its borders has exasperated past negotiators, as has determining control of Jerusalem and whether displaced Palestinians can return to their original homelands.

Perhaps Americans will become more engaged if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas show up in person to negotiate these issues. Having the two heads of state involved wouldn't guarantee a pact, but it would indicate that these talks aren't just for show. An Israeli-Palestinian treaty might help dissipate some of the murkiness of the Middle East's current course.

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Awful August *da fei ji*

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It was in '69 when we first met *Portnoy's Complaint* of Philip Roth, a trailblazer in the tradition of D. H. Lawrence's *Lady Chatterley's Lover,* and Henry Miller's *Tropic of Cancer,* both banned for obscenity. It was in that year too that one of Roth's novellas was made into a box office film, *Goodbye, Columbus.* I do not remember finishing the book. Roth's explicit description of masturbation was boring.

At a mainstream Kentucky seminary I was attending, I received monthly a brown paper-wrapped subscription of Hugh Hefner's *Playboy*, gifted me by a Hosier Hong Kong friend, not a common item in the ecclesiastic mailroom. Students surreptitiously knock in the night to borrow a copy. They wanted to read Hefner's philosophy. Right. Buttoned-up America was going casual in the love-ins of San Francisco, and openness in sexuality was in full swing.

Fast forward August of 2011 at Shenyang Aerospace University. I had 40 young male cadets starting to learn aviation and since they might have to go to an English speaking school outside of the country to learn to fly, I had them for Oral English. Our class was the first period on Monday and some of our hormonal flyboys tended to heavily go into the early Monday morning!

Getting them to memorize vocabulary, or drill on set conversations, or worse, make them learn syntactical rules, would get us nowhere. But they had to talk, so what better subject to talk about but their common experience?

With the five senses to describe concrete matters rather than abstractions, I asked them to relate events in their dormitory. This was my first year teaching in China and I had yet to learn how to get the students to carefully listen to a teacher's question (and answer with "I don't know" or "I do not understand," which means speak in English), rather than turn to ask their neighbor for a Chinese translation of what the teacher said.

"I did not do anything this weekend," said one of the smart alecks who avoided talking.

"You had to eat, or watch TV, or something?" I insisted.

"I stayed in bed all day," he answered back.

"Good. So, describe to us what you did in bed?"

He smiled and uttered not too shyly, "*da fei ji.*"

The class knew I did not speak nor understood *putunghua* (Mandarin) but like any new foreign kid in the block, the first phrases one learns are those of private bed habits. Immediately, the whole class went into snickering for the phrase is the common term for Portnoy's complaint, and they were confident I would have no idea what it meant.

Quietly, I shuffled the sheaf of papers in front of me in the big class podium, and with 40 eager faces watching how I would respond, slowly formed the words under my breath that would not be mistaken by anyone watching, and in a low voice, said: *"sa bi."*

The boy answering my question, who revealed that all he did was jerk off, turned red. The class erupted in an uproar. They realized not only did I understood their classmate's answer, but that I could also respond in kind with the most appropriate but vilest riposte in the Chinese language. The class became clear that their classmate was properly put in place, and the teacher was no jerk to be jerked with so casually.

That was a good class. It started talking from then on, give or take a couple who probably did not make the cadet grade and decided to hangover their Mondays until they were dismissed from further joining the ranks.

All these come to fore as Anthony NYC mayor-wannabe and his wife Huma Ambin faced quite another humiliating press conference as the former Brooklyn-bred Jewish-German ex-congressman married to a modest Muslim lady, a former aide to Hillary, revealed once more his habit of sexting, all to the media's delight. Weiner has a very liberal track record and by association, his maladies bring discomfort to folks like the Clintons, and Weiner's ex-mentor Sen. Charles Schumann. All are fair game in the continual American sport of political bloodletting.

Sexting, a portmanteau for *sex* and *texting,* is an early 21st century phenomenon. Is it illegal? Nope, save trafficking in child pornography. The live video stream is a voyeuristic medium of the previous generation, e.g., *An American Pie,* as sexting serves the same to those who embraced the cell phone revolution of the last 15 years. The iPhone becomes an eye-Phone when we click a bared self-image *au naturel,* and forward it as email to chosen recipients. Anthony Weiner delights in pseudonymously doing that to get off juvenile rockers.

We are recuperating from a debilitating case of diarrhea after romping across China's plains on the railway to the Tibetan hills of Sichuan and back. CDC now traces 15 North American states of similar cases. Nebraska and Iowa now trace the culprit to a salad dressing. Our languishing in bed at the university villa has been too long, and when the International Edu staff asks what I did in bed all day, I give the standard Sino response: "Secret."

Emailed Weiner to tell him that when he is in Manhattan's Chinatown, *sa bi,* is also a term of endearment when used with the right intonation similar to the f-word in Harlem.

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Kuestion: Hafa Lañget?

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of Saipan Tribune *and a former secretary of Department of Public Lands.*

Esta abarambau hinasoghu ginen un' buena kuestion ni ha faisenyu un' che'luhu: hafa lañget, manu 'nai gaige, haye mangaige guihe, haf" diariu na bida, kau mangaige mañainan mame, haf' sustansian mansañgan "tai hinekog na minahgoñg?"

Ni unu siña hu oppe kabales fuera ke haf' hiniñgoghu gi doktrina antes, estorian mañainata yan un' leblu ni tinige' ayu i bumira siha tatte ginen finatai. Hu chage kume oppe lau puru supin tasi 'nai todu katsadan esplikasion hu sufa' haligen tilifon.

Taya' chathinassoghu pot lañget. Esta hu lie' gi guinifihu manu lugathu. Listuyu' 'an u fattu ma-agañghu. I linala'ta gaige mediu tetehnan gi otru banda. Ayu 'nai u kabales linala' kada unu.

Guaha sasalaguan?

Na ti este i tanu' sasalaguanta? Oppan este na puntu gi un' dineskuten sasalaguan gi fina' senan un' familia. Sige mañguentos haf' gaige gi biblia 'sino haf' na este i tanu' i dichu sasalaguan.

Fuera de un' tatiye madeskriben sasalaguan gi biblia, 'an un' repara kabales magahet na gai meritu atgumientun na i tanu' i sasalaguan-ta.

Petsonatmiente, ni achogha' un' biyinariu ni ñgai'an 'nai un' satisfechu ni linala'mu. Para todu fiñkasmu, haf' na diariu un' tototpe problema? Kumeke ileghu, ti siña un' fahan i taihinekog na minahgoñg sa' ayu ha' hulu' 'nai gaige.

Siankassu mattu hau gi lamasan man-husga (lamasan San Pedro) pot fabot adahe na un' sañgan na ginen Marianas hau. 'An chatseguru hau, gai minauleg iya potgatoriu. Un' lugat 'nai manae' hau chansa umaregla ha'animu. Pa'gu 'an malefa hau, pues ni un' dimu gi kumotgatoriu, atrasau ya taya' otru ruplanu dispues de humanau ma'udaimu.

Gi suenon tatalu' pueñge

'Nai kayada kinalamten i komunida gi espiran tatalu' pueñge, libianu un' huñgog haf' gaige gi oriya desde guinaifen suabe na mañglu' yan katen galagu gi bisinu.

Este na ora 'nai silensiu lokue' manayuyot-yu'. Dispues, hu tutuhon dumeskuattisa manu' 'nai gaige hale'ña problemata siha.

Umatoñgtuñg i taya' minan arkipelagu yan disision siha (ginen hiyoñg yan halom) ni dumestrosia i paska na pisun ekonomian isla.

I mafederalisan immigrasion yan sueddu i fumondu linala'ta. Ni unu gaige guine maseha pot para u chage i te'ug na chinatsaga ni siha fumañagu. Dinañae' este ni chat-areglun ginen halom.

Mas hana' suspichosuyu' haf' intension Amerikanu guine. Kulan mahasñgon mayute' ñaihon ha'anita lau gaige kumu obligasion niha taimanu i inakonfotman i Covenant.

Lamayot patte lokue' gi sige mafondu na linala' tautau-ta gaige gi diskuidun man-ma-elihe. Dimas de umafalague boten dikiki', sige maseñas i trosun ais gi sanmena ni fumondu batkota. Dalai 'ste na diskuidu!

Offisiun bakasion eskuela

Man-estaba 'nos kuantos famaguon gi kantun tasi yan pisau niha. Mauleg esta sinahguan alan guihan ni kineni' niha. Sige konbetsasion mientras mananañga haf" para u gatdun gi haguet.

Matachoñgyu' gi lachagu pot para bai' ekuñgog konbetsasion manhoben. Mesklau i asuntu siha lau satton inafamauleg gi para umapatte parehu I kineni'.

Gi halom i siñku, guaha mahegat, malate', tomtum yan dispasiu. Estaba lokue' un' inutet ni chatta' sisiña mamokat. Todu fumalague 'nai esta para u fan hanau.

Maseha guaha dispasiu gi tropa, fitme gi hinasoghu na todu u fan felis hinanau niha. Maseha kelaguen 'sino inaflitun taraketiyun lau estaya man-eyag maseha antigosu na modun linala' satbasion.

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I finatton militat yan planun usun tano'ta pot fasilidatña ti umahñau. Siña ta sañgan sentimentota lau siempre u fofo'na planuña ke planuta. Gai fuetsa gumu'ot tanu' Marianas taimanu maseñala gi papa' inakonfotman kontratan Covenant.

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Umasodayu' yan un' amiguhu Tagalu ni apmam guine. Tatfoi inapmamña, este finu fuminu' Chamorro. I umestotbayu' gi konbetsasion mame i todu fino'ña ha tutuhongue' gi, "I problema…" Hu faisen dispues kau guaha asuntoña ni tai problema. I dichu problema i mampos miproblema ya ni un' biahe 'nai ha mensiona satbasion. Guiya i amiguhu "problema" ya dispues sige ham umachatge ni manadan probleman mame.

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Guaha lokue' kiñadahu ni hafa' fagas pachotña i palabran "uyu". Kanaha'yu' matai 'nai estaba ham gi kanton lamasan sena ya finaisen kuestion ni asaguaña.

Ilegña, "Nañga asaguahu sa' para u uyu-yu' si JR". Diberas, mauleg na matuñgu na usuña ayu na palabra 'sino magpu i nobena.

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Mafaisen un' lancheru haf' ha suppopotta i Fishing Base para fasilidat lacheru yan peskadot. Ha oppe na pot bonito i tasi yan minachum atdau. Maseha ti paire ineppeña, i puntu: Haf' linachiña ma-inbetten (invest) tanu' publiku gi tauatu-ta? Fan man-atan sa' dispues de manhanau todus hita siempre man-gaige guine sa' tano'ta este siha na islas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Breaking the people's will

I told people that their will would be tested as it has been the intent of the present powers-that-be to make us suffer until we accept casinos as our *only* solution. Many people who took my prediction with an open mind are now wide awake with the realization that I was right about our government forcing us to accept casinos. I have been following the Senate hearings and the casino proponents say that people have changed their minds about casinos, which is true to a small degree. But I'm sure the Senate knows they can't make a decision on a "guess" of what the majority wants. It should also be duly noted that one of the main reasons for this change to support casinos is the lack of any alternatives to casinos being offered to people. Hopefully the Senate will restore voter confidence and offer alternatives and reject the casino bill.

It is clear the will of many people has been broken and many are willing to accept casinos, which was unthinkable for them only a few years ago. Yes, there are people who have fallen into the cognitive trap of thinking casinos are our only solution, just like I warned them about over seven years ago. The trap was set seven years ago to break the will of the people and the trail of events clearly prove that everything that had a potential to take us off course from casinos was killed. Just think about it:

▲ The ferry that was meant for Sugar Dock—killed;

▲ The recent ferry that was virtually free and came with federal funds for operational cost and training for our local people to operate modern technology—killed;

▲ The multimillion dollar contract for pozzolan that could have started a new industry was killed (and now we are even in jeopardy of losing most of Pagan because we weren't doing a darn thing with the island);

▲ The Convention Center—killed;

▲ The shoe factory—killed.

And the list goes on as I'm sure most readers can add to this list but the point should be clear that anything with the potential to create a positive economic impact was killed to force the people to accept casinos.

I have mentioned on several occasions that we have a sick democracy with only one party. Yes, as 90-plus percent of the people in office today came from the Republican Party. They're all from the same tree that has failed to deliver the fruits of prosperity. The Republicans have been fighting against each other ever since Fitial entered the arena and they are still fighting each other today—the Covenant, IRs and Independents are all from the Republican tree. Without a strong Democratic Party, people will never have a check on our government with real options or alternatives as the people will forever be at the mercy of the Republican Party and its hybrids.

The will and power of the people have been manipulated too much and our only political hope is the resurrection of the Democratic Party for options and alternatives to materialize. I know those who attend Mass know about one resurrection that saved mankind and changed the world. So stop believing in casinos, stay strong, and take more stock in God and do all you can to help restore the power of a two-party system.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Our most precious resource: our young people

It is very disappointing to see the CNMI government continue to practice "politics as usual." We continue to see the usual politicians being appointed to head government departments and agencies, or to serve on government boards and commissions. Many of our government officials are already in their mid- or late 60s. Indeed, some are already in their 70s. Yet, they continue to ask the governor to be appointed and get paid, notwithstanding the fact that many of them have already retired and have been receiving a pension from the NMI Retirement Fund.

In contrast, year after year, we see many of our bright, young people returning from college with degrees in business, engineering, law, public health, and so forth. Many wish to be employed by the CNMI government but because they do not have any political connection, they are not hired. These young professionals are well-qualified for the position they seek. They could skillfully run and manage the various government departments and agencies. But one key stumbling block they encounter is the political adage: "It is not what you know; it is who you know." Another stumbling block is the reluctance of our older officials who do not wish to give our young people the chance to prove themselves.

Now I have nothing against our older citizens who have devoted a substantial portion of their lives serving our government as elected or appointed officials. I tip my hat off to them for their many years of service. But when they have reached retirement age or have already retired, they should give way to our young citizens so that they could begin serving the Commonwealth. This should be done as a matter of public policy and practice. We should begin letting our young people join the local workforce so that they can begin to contribute to our community and make the Commonwealth a better place to live. With the formal knowledge they have acquired in college at home and abroad, they could begin offering the Commonwealth new ideas, new strategies, and new approaches to public service.

In the private sector, many companies and businesses have a "young executives program." The CNMI government might consider instituting such a program, with the condition that all applicants will be considered solely on merit and without regard to political party affiliation. This would be one way of removing politics from our government. For too long politics has essentially been the sole consideration for government employment. It is time we put a stop to this, if we are to improve government service and make the Commonwealth a better place to live.

Alexandro Sablan
Dandan, Saipan

Hypocritical ideals

("My letter to you concerning Mr. Segundo Castro's letter to the editor was a point of view. Not one single iota of words suggests anything about racism or words of discrimination.") Mr. Francisco R. Agulto, who are you trying to fool? You were one of the petition signers for the Department of the Interior not to implement the recommendation of Mr. Babauta's recommendations to grant U.S. immigration status to alien workers in the CNMI.

("The problem with Mr. Castro is that he wants to bring the issue of the indigenous people as a racism issue when it is not.") In my definition, you are the racist one who is trying to mask your agenda by using our ethnicity to hide behind your hypocritical ideals. Based on our research and findings, you have no appetite to give other ethnicities on our island chain a chance to prosper, with your so-called indigenous rights theory.

("We heard and read enough of him, and it is a worthless trouble to even continue the conversation and simply I will dismiss the lad's blind spots about the Chamorro and Carolinian people who are indigenous to these islands. Speak of who you are and give credence to who made you what you are.") Mr. Agulto, I have enough of your so-called indigenous rights theory and the demeaning of my right to my freedom of speech. I am who I am; for you or anyone to give credence to who I am is a bunch of BS. I am speaking up for the wrongdoings that our people had to endure for centuries, and for you to dismiss my concerns is troubling. I see that you are a benefactor of the status quo or corrupted behavior's system. When a group of people stands on principle to disregard other ethnicity's God-given right for self-improvement, it is called racism or hatred. If I was on my way to hell and the devil asked me for my ethnicity, I will reply that I'd rather go to heaven before I expose my ethnicity. In other words, your indigenous rights theory has no value or meaning. The floodgates have opened and we have no control, Mr. Agulto, whether you like it or not.

Segundo Castro
Marpo Valley, Tinian

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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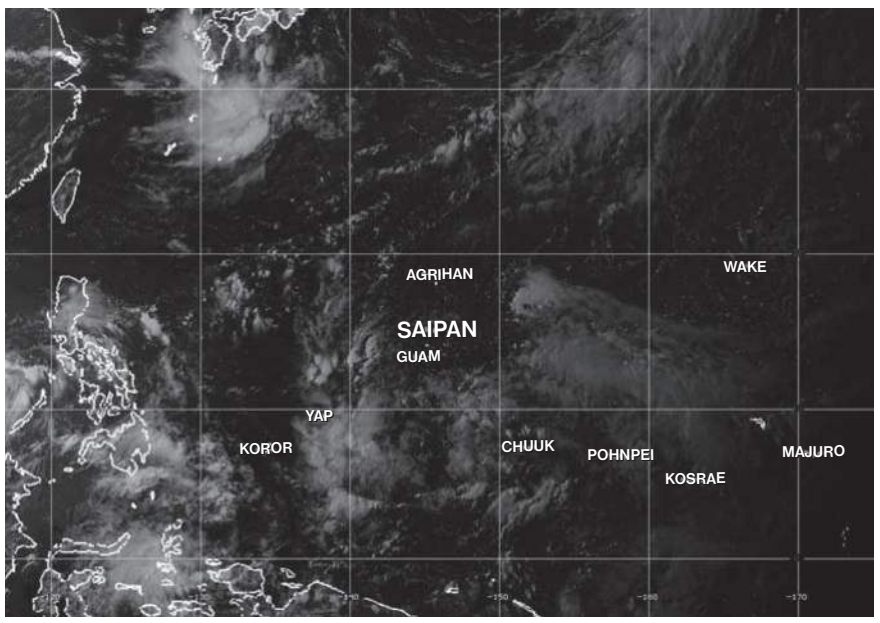
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼81
Palau	Showers	▲84	▼75
Yap	Showers	▲89	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲87	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲84	▼73
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90	▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86	▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼59
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
New York	Showers	▲76	▼67
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲94	▼78
Paris	Thundershowers	▲78	▼60
Pusan	Windy	▲88	▼78
Rome	Sunny	▲95	▼73
Salem	Sunny	▲95	▼58
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼53
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88	▼76
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲81	▼70

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northward from 10N143E to 18N142E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen west of the Marianas within an area bounded by a line from 19N139E to 12N142E to 11N137E back to 19N139E. A tropical disturbance is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms from Yap to Chuuk within 225 miles of a line from 7N139E to 7N152E and near Pohnpei within 100 miles of 7N159E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Pohnpei and Kosrae within 150 miles of a line from 15N154E to 11N164E to 8N164E and east of Kwajalein within 75 miles of a line from 9N170E to 10N175E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:25 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
7:28 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
2:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
9:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:11 AM	6:06 PM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:47 PM
Thursday	6:50 AM	7:27 PM
Friday	7:39 AM	8:07 PM
Saturday	8:29 AM	8:47 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)

XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN

XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Business

New jobs are disproportionately low-pay or part-time

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The 162,000 jobs the economy added in July were a disappointment. The quality of the jobs was even worse.

A disproportionate number of the added jobs were part-time or low-paying—or both.

Part-time work accounted for more than 65 percent of the positions employers added in July. Low-paying retailers, restaurants and bars supplied more than half July's job gain.

"You're getting jobs added, but they might not be the best-quality job," says John Canally, an economist with LPL Financial in Boston.

So far this year, low-paying industries have provided 61 percent of the nation's job growth, even though these industries represent just 39 percent of overall U.S. jobs, according to Labor Department numbers analyzed by Moody's Analytics. Mid-paying industries have contributed just 22 percent of this year's job gain.

"The jobs that are being created are not generating much income," Steven Ricchiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities USA, wrote in a note to clients.

That's one reason Americans' pay hasn't kept up with even historically low inflation since the Great Recession ended in June 2009. Average hourly pay fell 2 cents in July to $23.98 an hour.

Among those feeling the squeeze is Elizabeth Wilkinson, 28, of Houston. After losing a $39,000-a-year administrative job at Rice University in January, Wilkinson found work at an employment agency for $15 an hour. Yet she's had to supplement that job with part-time work as a waitress.

"This morning I put $1.35 worth of gas in my car because that is all the money that I had," Wilkinson said via email. "It's very difficult to survive on $30,000 (a year), and I am living paycheck to paycheck."

Part-time work has made up 77 percent of the job growth so far this year. The government defines part-time work as being less than 35 hours a week.

Weak economies overseas have reduced demand for U.S. goods and, as a result, for better-paying U.S. jobs in manufacturing. Government spending cuts have taken a toll on some middle-class jobs, too.

Many employers have also discovered that they can use technology to do tasks more cheaply and efficiently than office workers used to do. And some have found that they can shift middle-class jobs to low-wage countries such as China.

By contrast, most lower-paying jobs—from waiters and hotel maids to store clerks, bartenders and home health care aides—can't be automated or shipped abroad.

"You're always going to have jobs in the retail sector," says Michael Evangelist, a policy analyst with the liberal National Employment Law Project, which advocates on behalf of low-wage workers.

Consider Mike Ulrich, 30, who earned a master's degree in public administration in May from the University of Colorado. Ulrich hasn't been able to find work that requires a college degree. Instead, he works at a hardware store in Spokane, Wash., earning the state's minimum wage: $9.19 an hour.

Not all July's new jobs were low-paying. Local schools hired more than 10,000 teachers and other employees. Financial firms added 15,000.

The surge in part-time employment began in April.

Jason Furman, the new chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, says part-time employment has been inflated by the across-the-board budget cuts that began to bite in March, forcing some federal workers to take time off without pay.

Analysts say some employers are offering part-time over full-time work to sidestep the new health care law's rule that they provide medical coverage for permanent workers. (The Obama administration has delayed that provision for a year and into 2015.)

But Furman disputed the idea that the health care law will ever drive companies to favor part-timers over full-timers and says the notion makes even less sense now: "Why would they shift people to part-time for something that's not going to happen until 2015?"

Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West, thinks concerns about the rise in part-time work are overblown. The government's figures on part-time jobs are highly volatile, Anderson notes. The big gain this year could quickly reverse, he says.

Yet for the most part, Daniel Alpert, managing partner of Westwood Capital, wrote in a report last month, "the only folks engaging in meaningful hiring are doing so because labor is cheap."

AP

In this Thursday, March 14, 2013, file photo, a crowd of job seekers attends a health care job fair, in New York.

YOUR OFFICE COACH

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Human resources must balance claims of workers and bosses

QUESTION: Shortly after joining this company, I became aware of numerous issues related to discrimination and harassment. As a human resources professional, I felt obligated to make management aware of these problems, so I reported them to my boss, who is the director of HR, and to several department heads.

Although my superiors were willing to investigate some situations, they seemed reluctant to address any concerns that might involve executives. I was encouraged to overlook these matters and was advised that pursuing them could damage people's careers.

Because I believe it is my duty to report violations of state and federal law, I went around my management chain and contacted our ethics department. Since no one else was willing to file a grievance about these issues, I reported them myself. Now I have received a very negative performance review. What should I do?

ANSWER: Based on your description, there are two possible interpretations of this situation. The first is that you have joined a company where questionable behaviors are tolerated and perhaps even practiced by senior management. As a result, you have learned the hard way that the values of top executives always influence employee-related decisions.

For that reason, a key component of job satisfaction for HR professionals is compatibility between their own values and those of the people above them. So if you are experiencing an ethical mismatch, the ultimate solution is to find an employer whose standards are similar to your own.

On the other hand, an alternative scenario is that you are crusading against problems which may not actually exist. While some legal issues are clear-cut, many others are a matter of perception, so you need to be sure that personal biases are not clouding your professional judgment.

The very best HR people serve as both management representatives and employee advocates. But when either role has an exclusive focus, problems inevitably result. So if you consistently find yourself on the employee side of every issue, you may need to examine your own motivations.

Q: Our new secretary, "Jackie," is driving me crazy. Although I initially trained her, I am not Jackie's supervisor. Nevertheless, she constantly interrupts me with questions and asks me to proofread her documents. This has been going on for several months.

Frankly, I'm beginning to wonder if Jackie can handle this job. She makes frequent errors and repeatedly asks the same questions. I often have to remind her about simple, routine tasks. Overseeing Jackie's work is interfering with my own, so I would like to know how to end this.

A: Helping a new colleague is commendable, but enabling incompetence is not. Because your well-meaning assistance is hiding Jackie's ineptitude from her boss, it's time to stop participating in this performance cover-up.

When Jackie comes with questions, suggest that she ask her supervisor. If she requests proofreading, politely explain that you are busy. And since remembering her duties is Jackie's responsibility, not yours, stop providing those friendly reminders. Once she is operating independently, management should be able to determine whether Jackie is a keeper.

Newsweek to be purchased by IBT Media

NEW YORK (AP)—Newsweek is being sold for the second time in just a few years.

The owner of the International Business Times said it's buying what is now an online-only brand for an undisclosed sum from IAC/InterActiveCorp. The publication, which once had a fierce rivalry with Time magazine, ran its last print edition at the end of 2012.

Newsweek had been struggling for years when The Washington Post Co. sold it for $1 in 2010 to stereo equipment magnate Sidney Harman, who died the following year. Before he died, Harman placed Newsweek into a joint venture with IAC's The Daily Beast website, a move intended to help widen its online audience.

IBT Media said the purchase doesn't include The Daily Beast. It said the deal will close in the coming days, with IAC operating Newsweek during a transition period of up to 60 days.

The company said Newsweek will return to the www.newsweek.com site in the coming weeks.

IBT was founded in 2006 and owns online publications including Medical Daily, Latin Times and iDigitalTimes.

IAC/InterActiveCorp., based in New York, is a media and Internet company with brands including Ask.com, About.com and Match.com. In a Bloomberg TV interview earlier this year, Barry Diller, chairman of IAC, called the purchase of Newsweek a "mistake."

Nation

Tighter security at some US missions over al-Qaida

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Security forces closed roads, put up extra blast walls and increased patrols Sunday near some of the more than 20 U.S. diplomatic missions in the Muslim world that Washington had ordered closed for the weekend following warnings of a possible al-Qaida attack.

The closures came with a call for Americans abroad to take extra precautions throughout August, particularly when using planes, trains and boats, though some veteran expatriates shrugged off the warnings.

"I have been here long enough to know where and where not to go," said Brian Edwards, a professional basketball player from Detroit, Michigan, who has lived in Egypt for nearly six years. "I feel generally safe."

Some warned, meanwhile, that such security measures are not sustainable.

"It sets a precedent," said Shadi Hamid, an analyst with the Brookings Doha Center. "What happens if you keep on getting credible threats?"

The countries with closure orders covered much of the Muslim and Arab world, from Mauritania in the west to Bangladesh in the east.

The State Department said 19 diplomatic posts will remain closed through Saturday "out of an abundance of caution." State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said the decision to keep the embassies and consulates closed is "not an indication of a new threat."

Diplomatic facilities will remain closed through Saturday in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, among other countries.

In recent days, U.S. officials have said they have received significant and detailed intelligence suggesting a possible attack, with some clues pointing to the al-Qaida terror network. The State Department said the potential for terrorism was particularly acute in the Middle East and North Africa, with a possible attack occurring on or coming from the Arabian Peninsula.

"The threat was specific as to how enormous it was going to be and also that certain dates were given," Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., who chairs a House panel on counterterrorism and intelligence, told ABC on Sunday.

King said he believes al-Qaida "is in many ways stronger than it was before 9/11 because it has mutated and it's spread in dramatically different locations." The terror network's Yemen branch, known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, "is the most deadly of all the al-Qaida affiliates," King said.

In Jordan, a counterterrorism official said available information pointed to a potential threat to U.S. interests in the Arabian Peninsula, specifically in Yemen, and that this prompted the temporary closure of U.S. missions across the Muslim world. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to discuss the issue with journalists.

In Yemen's capital, Sanaa, security was beefed up Sunday around the U.S. Embassy building and the nearby Sheraton Hotel where U.S. Marines stay.

Police set up a checkpoint at an access road leading to the embassy, asking some drivers for identification before letting them pass. Soldiers typically guard the area around the embassy, but on Sunday they were spread out in a wider radius. Cars were prevented from stopping outside the Sheraton, where two armored vehicles sat out front.

A Yemeni security official said the request for extra security came from Washington. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release the information.

Extra security also could be seen near U.S. embassies in Bahrain, Iraq and Jordan.

Tea party plans to abandon GOP stars

MIAMI (AP)—This wasn't the revolution the tea party had in mind.

Four years ago, the movement and its potent mix of anger and populism persuaded thousands of costumed and sign-waving conservatives to protest the ballooning deficit and President Obama's health care law. It swept a crop of no-compromise lawmakers into Congress and governor's offices and transformed political up-and-comers, including Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, into household names.

But as many tea party stars seek re-election next year and Rubio considers a 2016 presidential run, conservative activists are finding themselves at a crossroads. Many of their standard-bearers have embraced more moderate positions on bedrock issues such as immigration and health care, broadening their appeal in swing states but dampening grass-roots passion.

In this June 19, 2013, file photo, Tea Party activists rallying in front of the U.S. Capitol in Washington. AP

"They keep sticking their finger in the eyes of the guys who got them elected," said Ralph King, a co-founder of the Cleveland Tea Party Patriots. "A lot of people are feeling betrayed."

The tea party is a loosely knit web of activists, and some are hoping to rekindle the fire with 2014 primary challenges to wayward Republicans. But many more say they plan to sit out high-profile races in some important swing states next year, a move that GOP leaders fear could imperil the re-election prospects of former tea party luminaries, including the governors of Florida and Ohio.

"It changes the playing field for us," said Tom Gaitens, former Florida director of FreedomWorks, a political action committee that has spent millions of dollars to help tea party candidates. "The most powerful thing we have as a movement is our feet and our vote."

In the summer of 2009, tea party supporters stormed congressional town hall meetings, shouting down lawmakers who had voted for the bank bailout and the stimulus package. The movement's voice grew louder after Democrats passed the health care overhaul, and voters took their outrage to the polls in 2010. The tea party wave stunned Democrats and many moderate Republicans, sweeping the GOP into control of the House and changing the balance of power in many statehouses.

Hit-and-run driver accelerated onto LA boardwalk

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The driver parked outside a hotel and surveyed the leisurely summer scene at the Venice Beach boardwalk: Hundreds of people were sitting at cafes, walking along the seashore or shopping at vendors selling jewelry or art.

Then, according to surveillance video, the man got into a large black car, steered around a vehicle barrier and accelerated mercilessly through the crowd, hitting one person after another as bystanders tried desperately to get out of the way.

Saturday's hit-and-run killed an Italian woman on her honeymoon and hurt 11 others who only a moment earlier had been enjoying an afternoon near the beach at the height of vacation season.

A couple of hours later, authorities arrested a man on suspicion of murder after he walked into a police station in neighboring Santa Monica and said he was involved.

Nathan Louis Campbell, 38, of Los Angeles, remained jailed Sunday on $1 million bail.

Police declined to discuss a motive but Deputy Chief Kirk Albanese said there was no indication that the attack was a terrorist act or that anyone else was involved.

By the time it was over, the driver had covered about a quarter of a mile along the boardwalk before fleeing. The entire incident was over in minutes.

Mustafa Balci, 44, and his wife Yesim Balci, 48, were sitting in lawn chairs at their booth on Saturday, as they had daily for the last three years when they saw a large black sedan roaring directly toward them from a side street.

Three people were knocked to the ground and within seconds the car was at their booth. It swerved left, sideswiping a picnic table holding their wares—the traditional Turkish blue glassware of the eye to ward off the evil eye, and wall hangings of Jesus and Virgin Mary tapestries.

The car hit three customers looking at the items, and slammed into Mustafa Balci's knees pushing him backward, breaking a table, smashing a mirror and scattering everything. Yesim Balci was flung 8 feet, tumbling backward and landing facedown.

"I couldn't see her when I woke up, I looked up and was like where is she? I yelled, `Are you around? Are you alive?' She yelled back, `I'm alive,'" Mustafa Balci said. "I thought both of us would be dead."

Balci was helped up by strangers who took him over to his wife. He lied down next to her as paramedics responded to the scene. The couple were taken along with three others to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, treated for minor injuries and released. Yesim Balci had her ankle taped up, blood seeping through the back, and bruises all over her body; she could no longer raise her left arm.

On Sunday, the boardwalk featured the typical summer crowd, people on roller blades, beach cruisers, performers and regular vendors. The Balcis were also back at their booth to take stock of their losses.

ACROSS THE NATION

Skydiving teacher killed in tandem jump

LUMBERTON, Miss. (AP)—A skydiving instructor from Pensacola, Fla., died in a remote swamp after a tandem jump that hospitalized his student, Lamar County Sheriff Danny Rigel said Sunday. James "Jimmie" Horak Jr., 56, an instructor for the Emerald Coast Skydiving Center in Elberta, Ala., died Saturday in a swamp about a mile from the airport in Lumberton, Miss. He was safety-conscious and had made more than 8,000 jumps, said his wife, Debbie Horak. Rigel said he could not identify the student but believes the man was not from Mississippi. Three other skydivers who jumped with them told investigators that equipment appeared to malfunction, Rigel said Sunday.

Ohio killer set for execution found hanged in cell

CLEVELAND (AP)—A man condemned to death for fatally stabbing a neighbor during a Cleveland burglary was found hanged in his cell Sunday just days before his Wednesday execution. Billy Slagle, 44, was found at about 5 a.m. at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution south of Columbus and was declared dead within the hour, prison spokeswoman JoEllen Smith said. "He was in his cell alone. No other inmates suspected to be involved," Smith said in an email. "It does appear to be a suicide." Under regular prison policy, he was scheduled to be placed under pre-execution watch Sunday morning but "was not yet placed under constant watch," Smith said. Slagle's defense team was shocked and saddened at the news and had no clue he might commit suicide, attorney Vicki Werneke said.

Happy Birthday, Mr. President: Obama turns 52

WASHINGTON (AP)—Happy Birthday, Mr. President. Barack Obama turns 52 on Sunday and is spending part of the day at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland. The White House said little about how he's celebrating. He played golf Saturday with friends from his days in Hawaii and Chicago. Some of them joined him at Camp David. Obama is scheduled to return to the White House on Sunday afternoon. His week ahead includes travel to the West Coast to discuss plans to help homeowners, appear on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno and visit with troops at Camp Pendleton. He also has a White House meeting Thursday with the prime minister of Greece.

Asia

Bangkok braces for political street protests

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's capital braced Sunday for possible unrest in the week ahead, with street protests expected over moves in parliament that could eventually lead to a pardon for ousted Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

As many as 2,000 protesters calling themselves the People's Army Against the Thaksin Regime turned up Sunday for a peaceful rally in a Bangkok park. But bigger and more militant protests are expected when parliament on Wednesday begins debating an amnesty bill that would cover people arrested for political activities since the 2006 military coup that ousted Thaksin for alleged corruption and disrespect to the monarchy.

Thaksin was later sentenced to two years in jail on a conflict of interest charge, but escaped punishment by living abroad in self-imposed exile. The amnesty bill would not cover Thaksin, but his opponents fear that if it passes, it would set a precedent and pave the way for another measure pardoning him. The bill was proposed by a lawmaker from the ruling Pheu Thai Party, which is headed by Thaksin's sister, Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The unease caused by the specter of protests reflects Thailand's failure to achieve political reconciliation after the coup, with Thaksin's supporters and opponents battling for power since his ouster. In 2010, about 90 people were killed when Thaksin's supporters occupied part of downtown Bangkok for around two months before being swept away by the army. In 2008, Thaksin's opponents occupied the prime minister's offices for about three months and Bangkok's two airports for a week.

Thaksin is a highly polarizing figure who won large majorities in winning office, especially from rural voters who gained from his populist policies. Critics accused him of corruption and abuse of power, charging he was imposing a "parliamentary dictatorship" and trying to usurp King Bhumibol Adulyadej's constitutional authority.

Even though Thaksin's political allies currently lead the government, they have not been able to push through measures allowing for his free return, thanks largely to opposition by royalists and the military.

While it is not clear how many protesters the opposition can muster, Yingluck's government is taking few chances.

This past week, it invoked the Internal Security Act in three Bangkok districts, citing the possibility of protest violence, and readied more than 30,000 police officers to provide safety at key locations, including the prime minister's office compound and parliament.

The act, in effect from Aug. 1-10, authorizes officials to seal off roads, take action against security threats, impose curfews and ban the use of electronic devices in designated areas. Peaceful and unarmed rallies are allowed under the law.

"We will take care of the protesters and will make sure ordinary people can commute and carry on their daily lives," Yingluck said during her weekly television talk show, aired Saturday morning. "I hope under these circumstances, we can get through the situation smoothly."

Sunday's protest, held in a part of Bangkok far from government offices, was low-key. The so-called People's Army is a fringe group, nominally led by former senior military officers with close ties to the country's royalist establishment. It has little of the organizing skill or appeal of the People's Alliance for Democracy, which led large-scale and effective anti-Thaksin protests before the coup in 2006, and again in 2008, when another pro-Thaksin government was in power. The alliance has not committed itself to taking part in the current round of protests.

One of the People's Army co-leaders, Banawit Kengrian, said Sunday that his protesters would stay overnight and remain as long as needed, adding that he wanted matters to end in seven days.

"Our goal is to unroot the so-called Thaksin regime from our country," he told reporters. "We do not aim to topple the government, but we cannot let them push for the bill by ignoring people's opinions and passing it with the parliamentary dictatorship they have."

Banawit would not say what the next move would be, saying he was afraid the protesters would be blocked by the government, and refused to comment on whether his group would march to parliament. He said, however, that the group had a strategy and would announce its plans 12 hours ahead of time.

Small bomb hits Buddhist temple in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Police and government officials on Monday condemned an attack on a Buddhist temple in Indonesia's capital after a small bomb detonated as devotees inside prayed, injuring one person. Two other devices failed to go off.

The explosion happened Sunday night at the Ekayana Grha Buddhist temple in West Jakarta. The blast went off near the front door of the building, slightly damaging the structure, chief of National Police Detective Lt. Gen. Sutarman told reporters at the scene.

Another bomb placed near the back door emitted smoke, but did not go off and a third device placed inside the temple also failed to go off, added Sutarman, who like many Indonesians, uses a single name. Police were investigating.

"Now, the terrorists may have shifted their target from (Christian) churches to (Buddhist) temples," Sutarman said. "This is possibly triggered by the sectarian conflict in Myanmar."

Muslim militants in Indonesia angered over sectarian violence between Buddhists and Muslims in Myanmar have threatened to attack Buddhist temples here. In May, two men were arrested with low explosives in a backpack as part of an alleged plot to bomb the Myanmar Embassy in Jakarta.

The incident occurred days ahead of festivities planned to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan. Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation, and most people practice a moderate form of the religion.

Djoko Suyanto, coordinating minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs, condemned the attack, and called for increased vigilance against any sign of terrorism.

"Security authorities have been ordered to search and capture the perpetrators who have damaged the peaceful environment of the fasting month," Suyanto said Monday.

Thousands protest soldier's death in Taiwan

AP

People stage a protest for Taiwanese soldier Hung Chung-chiu who died in early July after being forced to perform a vigorous regime of calisthenics in sweltering heat, in front of President Office in Taipei, Taiwan, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013.

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Tens of thousands of Taiwanese gathered in downtown Taipei on Saturday to protest the death of a 24-year old soldier confined to a brig as punishment for bringing an unauthorized cellphone onto his base.

The protest was the biggest so far in the continuing campaign to register discontent over the death of Hung Chung-chiu on July 3. The simmering anger is complicating the Taiwanese military's efforts to transition from a mixed forced of conscripts and volunteers to an all-volunteer force.

The university graduate died after several days of being forced to perform a rigorous regime of push-ups, sit-ups and other exercises in sweltering heat. He was just three days short of completing his 20-month service obligation at the time.

Eighteen officers and NCOs have already been charged in connection with the case. President Ma Ying-jeou has apologized and the minister of defense has resigned.

Taiwan's ambitious military transition is scheduled to be completed by 2015. But even before Hung's death, recruitment goals were not being met, hampered by the military's generally low repute among large swathes of Taiwanese society. Much of the distrust stems from the central role the military played in perpetuating a martial law regime that was dismantled in 1987.

There is also a widespread perception that decreasing tensions with China have destroyed the rationale for military service that once existed.

Quake shakes northeastern Japan, no tsunami risk

TOKYO (AP)—A strong earthquake shook northeastern Japan on Sunday in the same region devastated by a giant tsunami and temblor 2-1/2 years ago, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 struck shortly after midday, and was centered off the coast of Miyagi Prefecture, and 50 kilometers (30 miles) below the seabed.

The quake shook a wide region, including Fukushima and Iwate prefectures, and there was no risk of a tsunami, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that runs Fukushima Dai-ichi, said no problems were reported there or at another one of its nuclear plants in Fukushima, and that there were no power outages and radiation monitors did not show any change.

Fukushima Dai-ichi plant went into multiple meltdowns after the March 2011 tsunami, and tons of water are being used daily to keep its reactors under control. Decommissioning is expected to take decades.

Tohoku Electric Power Co. also said no problems were detected at its Onagawa nuclear plant in Miyagi Prefecture.

Some roads were blocked off and some trains stopped running temporarily for safety checks, broadcaster NHK TV said.

World

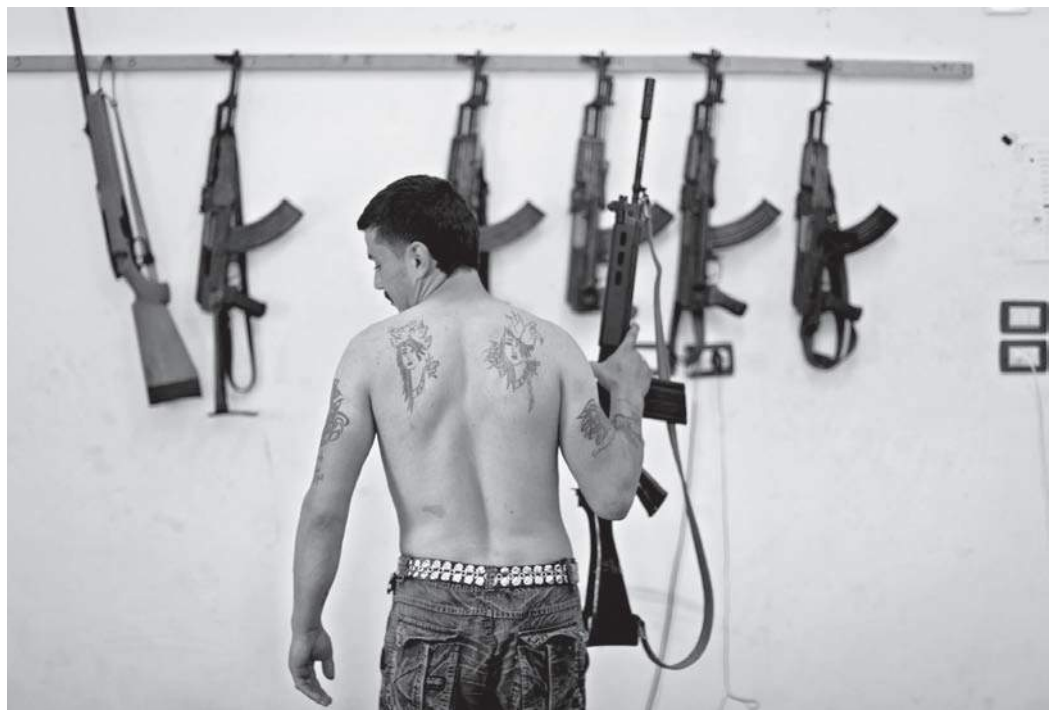
Syria's war splits nation into three distinct regions

BEIRUT (AP)—More than two years into Syria's civil war, the once highly-centralized authoritarian state has effectively split into three distinct parts, each boasting its own flags, security agencies and judicial system.

In each area, religious, ideological and turf power struggles are under way and battle lines tend to ebb and flow, making it impossible to predict exactly what Syria could look like once the combatants lay down their arms. But the longer the bloody conflict drags on, analysts says, the more difficult it will be to piece together a coherent Syrian state from the wreckage.

"There is no doubt that as a distinct single entity, Syria has ceased to exist," said Charles Lister, an analyst at IHS Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center. "Considering the sheer scale of its territorial losses in some areas of the country, Syria no longer functions as a single all-encompassing unitarily-governed state."

The geographic dividing lines that have emerged over the past two years and effectively cleft the nation in three remain fluid, but the general outlines can be traced on a map.



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In this Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012 file photo, Syrian rebel fighter Tawfiq Hassan, 23, a former butcher, poses for a picture, after returning from fighting against Syrian army forces in Aleppo, at a rebel headquarters in Marea on the outskirts of Aleppo city, Syria.

The regime holds a firm grip on a corridor running from the southern border with Jordan, through the capital Damascus and up to the Mediterranean coast, where a large portion of the population belongs to President Bashar Assad's Alawite sect. The rebels, who are primarily drawn from Syria's Sunni Muslim majority, control a chunk of territory that spans parts of Idlib and Aleppo provinces in the north and stretches along the Euphrates river to the porous Iraqi border in the east. Tucked into the far northeastern corner, meanwhile, Syria's Kurdish minority enjoys semi-autonomy.

Those contours provide the big picture view. The view from the ground, however, is slightly muddied.

While Sunni rebels control large swathes of Syria's rural regions in the north, the government still controls provincial capitals there, with the exception of Raqqa city and parts of Aleppo city. The regime also still retains some military bases and checkpoints in the overwhelmingly rebel-held countryside, but those are besieged and isolated and supplies for troops are air-dropped by helicopters or planes.

Moreover, the opposition movement itself is far from monolithic, and there have been increasing outbursts of infighting between al-Qaida affiliated extremists and moderate rebel groups, as well as between Kurds and rebels of a radical Islamic bent. That violence holds the potential to escalate into a full-blown war among armed opposition factions.

The Assad regime has made headway in recent months in the strategic heartland of Homs, clawing back territory long-held by rebel fighters. Those gains have helped the government secure its grip on Damascus and the pathway to the coast. They also have reinforced opposition accusations that Assad's military is driving out local Sunni communities to try to carve out a breakaway Alawite enclave that could become a refuge for the community if the regime falls.

For now, Assad's overstretched and war-weary troops appear unable to regain the vast territories they have lost to rebels and jihadists who now control oil wells and other key resources such as dams and electricity plants in the north and east. Black al-Qaida flags that carry the Muslim declaration of the faith now fly over many areas there, as a way to mark their turf distinctly from the three-starred green, black and white flag flown by the various rebel brigades that make up the loose-knit, Western-backed Free Syrian Army.

In the north, fighter brigades have set up judicial councils known as Shariah courts that dispense their own version of justice based on Islamic law, including in some cases, executions of captured regime soldiers and supporters.

In the northeast, Kurdish flags now flutter proudly over buildings after the country's largest minority carved out a once unthinkable degree of independence. Kurds, who make up more than 10 percent of Syria's 22 million people, were long oppressed under Baathist rule. Now, they have created their own police forces, even their own license plates, and have been exuberantly going public with their language and culture. Schoolchildren are now taught Kurdish, something banned for years under the Assad family's rule.

Puerto Rican leaders disagree on island's political future

By BEN KAMISAR
MCCLATCHY WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON—Forget the logistical nightmare of adding another star to the American flag—Puerto Rican politicians argued Thursday over whether their constituents want statehood in the first place.

The commonwealth's governor and congressional delegate, as well as a leader of the independence movement, didn't agree about Puerto Rico's future during a hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

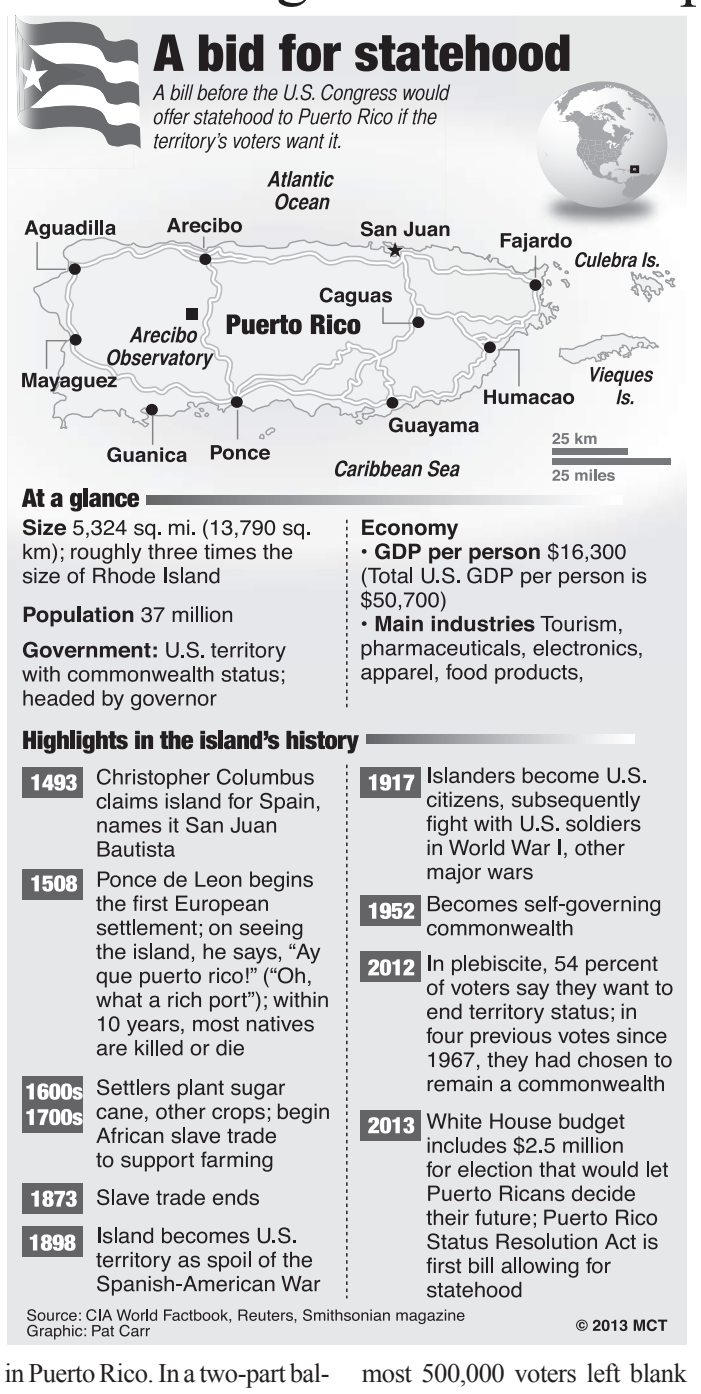
"I think our big challenge is to define what the options are—the legitimate options—and how would that be defined on a ballot," Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, said after the hearing. She said she'd be willing to work with Puerto Ricans to push for statehood if she thought there was a "united front."

Puerto Rico's congressional delegate supports statehood, while Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla advocates a form of "enhanced commonwealth," a label he did not define when pressed by senators.

"Nobody knows what 'enhanced commonwealth' means," said Ruben Berrios, the president of the Puerto Rican Independence Party, which supports independence from the United States. "This is just judicial hocus-pocus."

Lawmakers at the hearing expressed concern that the tag would allow Puerto Rico to pick and choose which federal laws would apply to the island.

A referendum last November only produced more uncertainty in Puerto Rico. In a two-part ballot, 54 percent of voters rejected the commonwealth's current status but only 44 percent of all votes cast favored statehood. Almost 500,000 voters left blank the question about what they'd like to be done, in protest of the referendum's wording, leaving the idea of a mandate ambiguous. Opponents of statehood argued that the questions were biased in favor of the idea.


A bid for statehood
A bill before the U.S. Congress would offer statehood to Puerto Rico if the territory's voters want it.
Atlantic Ocean
Aguadilla
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San Juan
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Culebra Is.
Caguas
Puerto Rico
Arecibo Observatory
Mayaguez
Vieques Is.
Humacao
Guayama
Guanica
Ponce
Caribbean Sea
25 km
25 miles
At a glance
Size 5,324 sq. mi. (13,790 sq. km); roughly three times the size of Rhode Island
Population 37 million
Government: U.S. territory with commonwealth status; headed by governor
Economy
• GDP per person $16,300 (Total U.S. GDP per person is $50,700)
• Main industries Tourism, pharmaceuticals, electronics, apparel, food products,
Highlights in the island's history
1493 Christopher Columbus claims island for Spain, names it San Juan Bautista
1508 Ponce de Leon begins the first European settlement; on seeing the island, he says, "Ay que puerto rico!" ("Oh, what a rich port"); within 10 years, most natives are killed or die
1600s 1700s Settlers plant sugar cane, other crops; begin African slave trade to support farming
1873 Slave trade ends
1898 Island becomes U.S. territory as spoil of the Spanish-American War
1917 Islanders become U.S. citizens, subsequently fight with U.S. soldiers in World War I, other major wars
1952 Becomes self-governing commonwealth
2012 In plebiscite, 54 percent of voters say they want to end territory status; in four previous votes since 1967, they had chosen to remain a commonwealth
2013 White House budget includes $2.5 million for election that would let Puerto Ricans decide their future; Puerto Rico Status Resolution Act is first bill allowing for statehood
Source: CIA World Factbook, Reuters, Smithsonian magazine
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That left lawmakers on the mainland puzzled and both sides celebrating the outcome. Garcia Padilla and other opponents of statehood say those blank ballots should be seen as a protest, and they rally around the fact that fewer than half of voters chose statehood as the preferred option. But supporters contend that a clear majority of Puerto Ricans are against the current status and that statehood received more than 60 percent of the completed ballots.

"The current status has now lost its democratic legitimacy," said Pedro Pierluisi, the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico, who serves as a delegate to Congress. "No senator would accept territory status for their constituents, so you must respect that my constituents do not accept it, either."

Puerto Rico's former governor, Carlos Romero-Barcelo, said that while Puerto Ricans were American citizens, the only way to make their citizenship "whole" was to become a state and gain rights that they lacked compared with citizens of states. Among other things, residents of Puerto Rico can't vote for president and their delegate in Congress doesn't vote.

"The issue here is the discrimination against 3,700,000 Hispanic-Americans who are American citizens and have been disenfranchised for 96 years were deprived of the right to vote and the right to representation," he said after the hearing. The former governor attended the hearing but didn't testify.

Bombings kill 15 across Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP)—A series of attacks across Iraq on Sunday killed 15 people, including a random shooting and the killing of a judge, authorities said.

Violence has been on the rise in Iraq all year, but the number of attacks against civilians and security forces has spiked during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which began early last month. The surge in the bloodshed is raising fears of a return to the widespread killing that pushed the country to the brink of civil war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

The deadliest attack took place late Sunday night when gunmen in a speeding car opened fire randomly on a gathering of people on a street in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, killing four people and wounding three, said Kirkuk deputy police chief Maj. Gen. Torhan Abdul-Rahman Youssef.

A bomb later exploded inside a cafe in western Baghdad shortly before midnight, killing three and wounding 12, police said.

Earlier in the day, police officials said a roadside bomb struck an army patrol near the northern city of Mosul, killing three soldiers.

In Tikrit in central Iraq, a car bomb killed Judge Sajid Abdul-Amir as he was driving to his work, police said.

In eastern Baghdad, two people were killed in a blast, police said. Meanwhile, mortar rounds landed on houses in the capital's western suburbs, killing two people, authorities said.

Medical officials confirmed the casualty figures toll for the attacks. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to talk to the media.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, though security forces and civilians are frequently targeted by al-Qaida's Iraq branch.

With Saturday's attacks, at least 612 people have been killed since the start of Ramadan, according to an Associated Press count. Along with security officials being killed, there have been multiple bloody attacks targeting civilians in cafes as they broke their daily fast. It's been the bloodiest Ramadan in Iraq since 2007.

Focus

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In this photo taken Wednesday, July 17, 2013, Yolanda Oruc, left, talks to general manager Jeff Lehman, right, and HR director Nilmarie Almdovar, center, in the lobby of the Betsy Hotel in the South Beach area of Miami Beach, Fla. Uruguayan native Yolanda Oruc said she could have become an American citizen three years ago but didn't have the money to pay for attorney's fees. So when the 52-year-old mini bar attendant learned that her employer had brought in immigration experts to help her fill out the papers, she jumped at the chance and naturalized earlier this month.

US companies help immigrants obtain US citizenship

By AMY TAXIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA, California (AP)—For immigrants working toward the American Dream, some employers are now helping them reach their dream of becoming Americans.

Health clinics, hotels and a clothing factory are pairing up with immigrant advocates to offer on-site citizenship assistance as one of the perks of the job in greater Los Angeles, Miami, Washington and California's Silicon Valley as they aim to make naturalization more convenient for the 8.5 million legal immigrants eligible to become U.S. citizens.

The effort is billed as a win-win for both employee and employers: Workers avoid legal fees and having to shuttle to and from law offices to complete applications; companies create a deeper bond with immigrant workers and there's little cost as nonprofits pick up the tab.

"You create some sense of loyalty," said Leonie Timothee, human resources manager at InterContinental Miami, a luxury hotel that has helped six employees apply to naturalize since last year. "It is going to be a part of you for the rest of your life, and to know your place of employment helped you, assisted you in becoming a citizen—I think that's a great deal."

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In most cases, immigrants can apply to become an American citizen after having a permanent residency green card for five years and passing English and civics tests. But they often take longer to do so because they can't afford the application fees, fear their English isn't good enough or simply don't know enough about the process, studies have shown.

While high-tech companies frequently sponsor foreign workers for visas or green cards, most companies haven't gotten involved in the naturalization process. Their involvement usually ends at getting work papers unless the employee needs to travel extensively overseas or obtain national security clearance only available to a citizen, said Angelo Paparelli, an immigration attorney who specializes in employment-based issues.

Since last year, 19 companies have signed up to participate in the effort by the Washington-based National Immigration Forum to help more people become citizens. The focus of the so-called Bethlehem Project is on low-wage workers, who often face additional hurdles to naturalization such as long hours and extensive commutes and who may lack the cash to hire an immigration lawyer to help them complete the paperwork.

Uruguayan native Yolanda Oruc said she could have become an American citizen three years ago but didn't have the money for attorney's fees. When the 52-year-old who restocks hotel room mini bars learned that her employer had brought in immigration experts to help her fill out the papers for free, she jumped at the chance and naturalized in July.

"I didn't have a way to become a citizen because I didn't have the money," said Oruc, who works at The Betsy Hotel in Miami's South Beach.

For starters, companies host a free information session run by a nonprofit to let employees know about the process of becoming a citizen. The agencies then hold one-on-one meetings to help fill out the necessary paperwork.

Some employers go further and front the government's $680 naturalization application fee and deduct the funds from pay checks, said Jennie Murray, manager of the Bethlehem Project.

The effort is funded in part by the New Americans Campaign, which is a broader push to encourage citizenship through workshops, training sessions and the development of a mobile app to help immigrants determine if they're eligible to become Americans.

Overall, about $500,000 has been donated to jumpstart the project named for Bethlehem Steel, which in 1915 offered its immigrant workers free English-language instruction.

Some businesses are also offering their own citizenship-related perks. Trump International Beach Resort in Sunny Isles, Florida, is paying for English classes to help its employees pass the citizenship test, said Linda Geyer, the hotel's general manager. The hotel is also offering interest-free loans and letting workers cash out vacation time to cover the cost of citizenship application fees.

Evan Bacalao, senior director of civic engagement at the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, said he'd like to expand the program to help naturalize workers in big factories and warehouses in Southern California's Inland Empire. The region consists of suburbs spread over miles where immigrants often can't make the half-hour or hour-long trip to an advocate's office for help.

While unions historically played a role in helping workers naturalize, businesses didn't often get involved. But companies may be looking for ways to hang onto low-wage workers as immigration to the U.S. has waned and the economy starts improving, said Louis DeSipio, a professor of political science and Chicano/Latino studies at University of California, Irvine.

He said larger companies with a sizable immigrant workforce are more likely to join such an effort.

Beyond breeding loyalty and gratitude, companies such as the Southern California-based health care provider AltaMed see providing such assistance as part of their mission.

For years, AltaMed has focused on treating Latinos and underserved communities in cities such as Santa Ana, where about half of residents are immigrants. As a community service, the network also holds regular voter registration drives in the hopes of churning out more voters who support health care programs for the poor.

So adding citizenship assistance seemed like a natural fit, said Bob Turner, AltaMed's vice president of human resources.

Overdrive

States take the wheel on driverless cars

By MAGGIE CLARK
STATELINE.ORG

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Drivers here already gawk at Google's self-driving car zipping around the freeways. In California, Nevada, Florida and the District of Columbia, the future of transportation is now: All four jurisdictions are setting ground rules for self-driving cars on the roads.

And the trend is spreading. In this year's legislative sessions, nine more states debated driverless car bills. While most of the bills died in committees, Michigan's bill is likely to pass by the end of the year with support from Republican Gov. Rick Snyder, a former tech titan who advocated for the new car technology.

"(California, Nevada and Florida) are ahead of us, and aren't we the automotive capitol of the world?" Snyder said earlier this year. "So, I think we should be stepping it up here and make sure we are on the forefront of advances (in) vehicles and opportunity."

Legislation is just the beginning. These laws authorize companies to test their vehicles on private roads, then public roads. After that, the states and the U.S. Department of Transportation must write rules to allow an average car owner to operate a driverless car when it becomes commercially available.

That could be as soon as 2017, Google's co-founder Sergey Brin predicted at California's bill-signing last year. While Google is not focused on expanding legislation state by state, the company is committed to working on the California regulatory process, which will be completed by the end of 2015, according to a Google spokesperson. The company is also working to lower the price tag of its autonomous driving system, which currently costs about $150,000.

Legally speaking, self-driving cars are probably legal everywhere already. What drove the legislation to allow the cars on the road was Google. The tech giant wanted to make sure that before they pumped millions of dollars into driverless cars, the cars were explicitly legal and encouraged, rather than probably legal and tolerated, said David Estrada, former legal director for Google.

STATELINE/MCT
A Lexus RX 450h sport utility vehicle, which has been retrofitted by Google engineers to drive itself sits in a parking lot in Palo Alto, California.

For as much as these laws allow, they raise more questions than they answer. "There are a lot of things we will have to anticipate in vehicle code," said Michigan Sen. Mike Kowall, a Republican and the sponsor of Michigan's driverless cars bill. "The first one that popped into my mind was DUI and drunk driving. Are you impaired if you are drunk and just programming the vehicle?"

California regulators are also concerned about the data transmitted and collected from self-driving cars. "We will be looking at the collection of data, the regulations around what data can be collected, how it's being stored and how long it's kept," said Bernard Soriano, chief information officer at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

The ripple effects of the technology are enormous. For instance, California's state vehicle code, like most states, has more than 40,000 provisions, all of which assume there is a driver in control of the vehicle at all times. Each of those will have to be reviewed.

The technology will also force regulators to rethink the car-and-driver relationship, possibly placing more emphasis on the regulation of the car than the driver. For instance, instead of certifying that a driver can pass a road test, the state might certify that a car can pass a test, upending the traditional drivers' licensing system.

Questions also arise about liability for accidents, since the technology that makes a self-driving car is an after-market system. So if a self-driving car hits something, does the fault lie with the manufacturer or the technology company that modified the vehicle? And since insurance rates are calculated based on the crash history of the driver, would those calculations change if there is no driver?

At the local level, driverless cars will change the way cities think about zoning, parking and idling rules, and could eventually allow cities to develop small shuttle-like systems, which would drive predetermined routes and ferry people to and from popular destinations, said Bryant Walker Smith, a fellow at the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford University. Already, a pilot project deploying driverless cars on short, predetermined routes is underway in 12 European cities.

The vehicles offer potentially transformative societal benefits, such as reduced traffic fatalities and increased mobility and independence for people with disabilities.

"There's a lot more to this than just a fun car," said Nevada Rep. Marilyn Dondero Loop, a Democrat who sponsored Nevada's self-driving car legislation in 2011.

Manufacturers, though, have concerns. Because states are leading the way on automated vehicles, there's the potential for 50 different sets of rules for driverless cars, which is a non-starter for auto manufacturers who sell across the country and around the world.

"We can't build different cars for each state, based on different standards," said Dan Gage, director of communications for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents 12 large auto manufacturers, including General Motors and Toyota.

In Celebration of His New Life

†Joaquin Sablan Arriola

Lovingly known as "Joaquin Ninai"
January 22, 1948 – July 31, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Gregorio Torres Arriola
†Juliana Sablan Arriola

Parents-in-law: †Vicente I. Fabricante
†Agrifina U. Fabricante

Brother and In-Law:
†Francisco S. Arriola and †Bernie

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: **Erlinda Fabricante Arriola**

Children: **Mary Adeline** *Carpio*
(Carlos Jesus "CJ")
Gregory F. and *Puspa Arriola*
(Faith & Neveah)

Brothers, Sister and In-Laws
Pedro S. and Merita J. Arriola & children
Rosa S. Arriola/Thomas Rabago & children
Juan S. and Sadako N. Arriola & children

He is also survived by numerous uncles, aunties, cousins, nephews, nieces, grandchildren and friends.

Caregiver: Lita Caringal
Home Care Nurse: Rona Atienza

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 08, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to Santa Soledad Church in Kagman. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will begin his peaceful rest.

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Erlinda Fabricante Arriola, Children & Family

Life & Style

More millennials lived with parents in 2012, Pew says

By RICARDO LOPEZ
LOS ANGELES TIMES

They aren't leaving the nest.

More than one-third of millennials still live with their parents, the highest share in their age group in at least 40 years, according to a Pew Research Center analysis released Thursday.

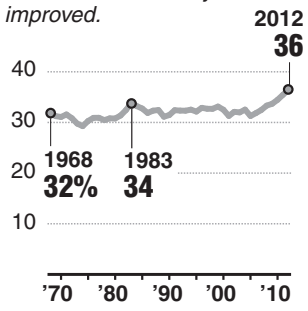
Last year, a record 21.6 million adults ages 18-31 lived in their parents' homes, Pew said. That's up from 18.5 million in 2007.

The reasons why millennials are living with their parents vary, Pew said. It's a combination of economic, educational and cultural factors.

But one striking detail shows that men are more likely than women to still be living with their parents, according to Thursday's analysis.

Extended stays

A record number of millennials — young adults ages 18 to 31 — were living with their parents last year even as the economy improved.



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About 40 percent of millennial men are living at home, compared with 32 percent of women in the same age group.

Unsurprisingly, the recession played a large role in increasing this type of living arrangement. Unemployed millennials are more likely to live at home.

According to Pew, 63 percent of millennials held jobs in 2012 _ that's down from 70 percent for the 18-31 age group in 2007.

The report also showed that younger adults, age 18 to 24, were more likely to live at home than those 25 to 31. The data show that 56 percent of the younger subset lived at home versus 25 percent of the older group.

Educational attainment levels also played a role in whether a millennial lived at home, Pew said. Only 18 percent of those with a four-year degree lived at home, compared with 40 percent of those who only had a high school education.

Box set recalls Elvis sessions famed studio

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP)— It was 1973, and Elvis Presley's comeback was in fifth gear.

After years of making mediocre movies, he had returned to touring and performing in Las Vegas. In January of that year, he staged the "Aloha from Hawaii" concert live via satellite, viewed by a billion people worldwide.

But, due to a contractual obligation, he also needed to create new material. He and manager Col. Tom Parker decided that Presley's beloved Memphis, Tennessee, was the place to do it.

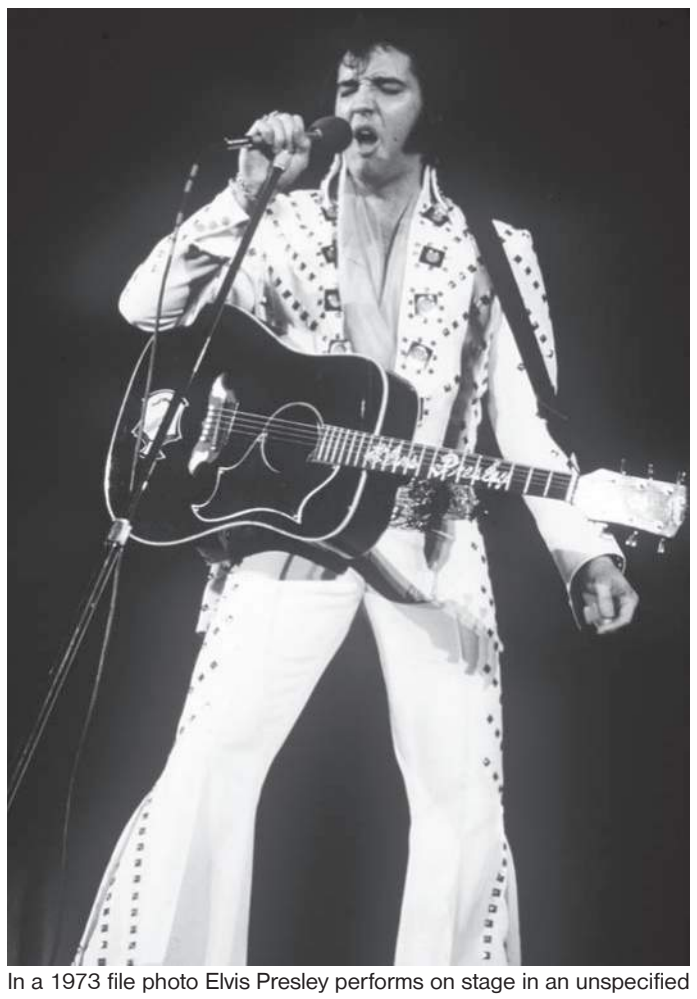
The result was two recording sessions at Stax Records, the influential studio where Otis Redding, Isaac Hayes, Sam & Dave and others created the "Memphis soul" sound in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Presley's sessions in July and December 1973 produced country, R&B and pop songs that were released in three separate albums.

Forty years after Presley's Stax sessions, RCA Legacy is releasing the three-CD box set "Elvis at Stax: Deluxe Edition" on Tuesday. It's the first time Presley's songs recorded at Stax are together in the same release, which also includes outtakes and rare photos.

"The dissipation of the Stax recordings across three albums over 18 months provided little or no creative kudos for such deserving artistic accomplishment," wrote "Elvis at Stax" producer Roger Semon in notes accompanying the release. "The objective of 'Elvis at Stax' is to reflect the true spontaneity and musicianship of Elvis' sessions."

The release of the set comes days before the start of Elvis Week on Saturday. Thousands of the singer's devotees flock to Memphis each year for a celebration of his life and career, with a candlelight vigil serving as a memorial for his death, on Aug. 16, 1977, in Memphis at age 42.



In a 1973 file photo Elvis Presley performs on stage in an unspecified location.

Presley recorded his first song, "That's All Right," at Sun Studio in 1954. Fifteen years later, after making movies and staying away from the performing stage, he cut a series of hit singles at Memphis' American Studio, marking the start of his comeback. Those hits included "In the Ghetto" and "Suspicious Minds."

Presley returned to touring in 1972, a year that also saw the release of the Golden Globe Award-winning documentary "Elvis on Tour."

According to author Robert Gordon, Presley and Parker wanted to build on the success in 1973 to try to re-establish Presley. Parker cut a deal with the record company RCA, selling Presley's rights to his existing song catalog for $5.4 million. Part of the deal required that Presley deliver new material, according to Gordon's notes in the box set.

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†Edward Pangelinan

May 23, 1957 – July 31, 2013

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Maternal Grandparents: †Jesus Cruz Pangelinan
†Dolores Pangelinan Pangelinan
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†Rosemarie E. Cruz
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Joseph Rodney and Easton Santos
Emma P. and Aaron Yobech (Patrick, Juan, Tuloy, Brel & Angelina Santos)
Rosa P. Cruz (Juanette/Peter, Joanna/John, David)

Caregiver: Joseph Jr. Cepeda Santos
Godmother: Ana SN. Cruz

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren and friends.
Holy Rosary is prayed nightly at 07:45 p.m. at San Jose Church on Tinian.

Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 08, 2013. His remains will be escorted from the Tinian Health Center at 07:30 a.m. to San Jose Church on Tinian. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Tinian Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS
Ana Pangelinan Cruz and Family

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JOSE SABLAN TAITANO

Daily Mass offering will be on August 6 to 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at San Vicente Church. August 11, 2013 (Sunday) Mass will be at 6:00 a.m.

Family and friends are invited to join us for dinner on August 14, 2013 (Wednesday), 7:00 p.m. at our Dan-dan residence.

Thank you, Salamat po and Si Yu'us Maase.

Nila Taitano and family

Swaddle-maker swamped after UK prince's photo-op

LONDON (AP)—It took 45 seconds, but it was enough.

Newborn Prince George, carried from the hospital to the royal car, appeared in a cotton swaddle with the tiny birds on it. Mums-to-be around the world wanted to know: Who are you wearing?

The answer shows what it is like when a small company gets swept into the maelstrom of attention that comes from touching the golden hem of the House of Windsor.

Once the photos of the swaddle hit the Internet, style bloggers and fashion writers identified the would-be king's new clothes as being from New York-based aden + anais. Within four hours of George's appearance, the website crashed. The next day, the site crashed again. In nine days, the company had 7,000 orders—a 600 percent increase in sales on that item.

The company never even issued a press release. Anyone who wanted to know the manufacturer simply had to type "royal swaddle" into Google, and up it came.

Raegan Moya-Jones, the chief executive of aden + anais, was about to start a meeting when a colleague brought in the picture. She couldn't believe it.

"I thought it was photoshopped," she said.

The company is still digging out from under a pile of orders for the swaddle, part of the Jungle Jam pack of four that in Britain costs 44.95 pounds ($68).

The average daily visits to its site were off the charts: In Britain, they were up 1,960 percent; in Australia, up 892 percent; in Japan 791 percent and in the U.S., up 458 percent.

So just be prepared to wait if you want to similarly swaddle your little prince or princess. Jungle Jam is sold out for now in Britain and the United States. Desperate swaddle searchers can find them on the company's Australian site if they hurry. Shipping fees are extra.

And there's a factory run from China of 10,000. So hold on.

People just want to be a part of things says Cele Otnes, a professor of marketing at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and co-author of the upcoming book "Royal Fever: The British Monarchy in Consumer Culture." She said the rush to buy whatever the royals wear gives admirers a chance to participate in a big, happy event.

"This is history," she said. "If you can't be there, if you can't have a royal baby yourself, you can buy the swaddle."

The royals do grant warrants—a mark of recognition of those who supply goods or services to the Royal Household. Fortnum & Mason has one for example, for being a "Grocer & Provision Merchant" to the monarch. But there are no royal adverts.

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Britain's Prince William carries his son the Prince of Cambridge into a car outside St. Mary's Hospital exclusive Lindo Wing in London, Tuesday, July 23, 2013 where his wife, Kate, the Duchess gave birth on Monday.

Nonetheless the royals remain marketing gold.

They have always been trendsetters. Even Queen Victoria once promoted a ball to help the Spitalfields silk industry, Otnes said. More recently, Princess Diana's every ruffled collar or bow-lined stocking could set off the cash registers.

But Prince George is the first heir to the throne born in the Internet age. New mums and dads can see what Kate and Wills and—now baby George—are wearing and buy it instantly.

This goes way beyond commemorative china, tea towels and other trinkets—the traditional sort of souvenir that shoppers can pick up at the Buckingham Palace gift store.

There's even a name for it: the Kate Effect. It started with the sapphire blue wrap dress designed by Daniella Helayel that the then-Kate Middleton wore to announce her engagement—and just kept going. Take the white dress Kate wore in the couple's engagement photo—sold by UK retailer Reiss—or Topshop's black dress with a Peter Pan collar that she wore for a video appeal.

Fashionistas follow Kate's every move. Every blouse, shoe, and bag the future queen of England wears is fodder for style bloggers and a money-spinner for retailers.

She's been democratic about it—choosing stuff that is accessible to the average person and supporting British products in a big way.

And yet, this is just the start. Otnes said that the trend will just continue as George gets older. Get ready for the booties, the scooter, the sun hat. Firms can get overwhelmed by the attention, which comes fast, hot and for a limited time only.

"You had better hold on," Otnes advised companies in the limelight. "And put on another shift."

Moya-Jones, a native of Australia who started in the swaddle business because she couldn't find what she wanted in stores, didn't anticipate the royal wave. Even though aden + anais have wrapped the babies of celebs like Beyonce, the spotlight that turned on her company with Prince George was altogether different.

After all, her privately held company isn't huge—founded seven years ago, it has 65 full-time employees and about as many part-time staff. In addition to swaddles, aden + anais makes sleeping bags, bibs, blankets and sheets, and Moya-Jones doesn't want to put so much emphasis on Jungle Jam swaddles that customers who want other products feel they are being ignored.

Photos of Marilyn Monroe's last sitting for sale

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A rare portfolio of photographs from Marilyn Monroe's last sitting is up for grabs to the highest bidder.

Freeman's auction house in Philadelphia estimates the limited-edition portfolio of 10 photos, made from fashion photographer Bert Stern's original negatives from his June 1962 assignment for Vogue, could fetch $10,000 to $15,000 when it goes on the block Sept. 10.

The photos will be on view to the public starting Sept. 6, said Aimee Pflieger, head of the century-old auction house's photography division.

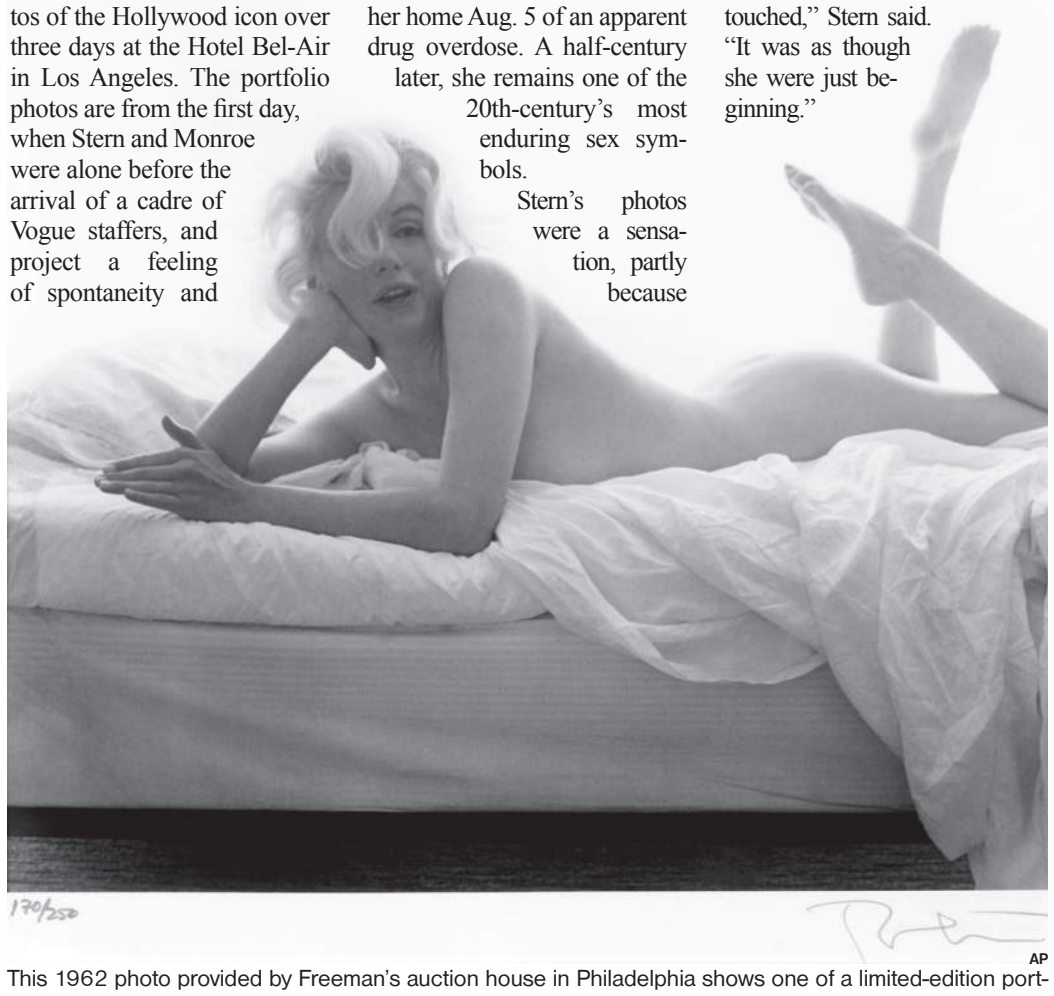
Stern, who died in June at age 83, took more than 2,500 photos of the Hollywood icon over three days at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles. The portfolio photos are from the first day, when Stern and Monroe were alone before the arrival of a cadre of Vogue staffers, and project a feeling of spontaneity and playfulness that stands out from the others.

"He brought a turntable and speakers and three cases of champagne," Pflieger said. "The feeling you get from the photos is they're having a great time."

Six weeks after her session with Stern, the 36-year-old screen siren was found dead in her home Aug. 5 of an apparent drug overdose. A half-century later, she remains one of the 20th-century's most enduring sex symbols.

Stern's photos were a sensation, partly because they were taken right before Monroe's death and partly because they included the first nude photos of Monroe since 1949. Many of the nudes show the star posing with diaphanous scarves, paper flowers and pearls in bright but diffuse natural light that gives the photos a dreamlike quality.

"She was beautiful and untouched," Stern said. "It was as though she were just beginning."



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This 1962 photo provided by Freeman's auction house in Philadelphia shows one of a limited-edition portfolio of 10 photos of Marilyn Monroe that is scheduled to go on the block Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2013. The photos were made from fashion photographer Bert Stern's original negatives from his June 1962 assignment for Vogue.

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'2 Guns' shoots to No. 1 at weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The action-packed "2 Guns" is No. 1 at the weekend box office.

The Universal film starring Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg pulled the trigger to capture the top spot with $27.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The picture is based on a graphic novel of the same name and features Washington as a DEA agent and Wahlberg as a Naval Intelligence officer who must team up for an undercover operation involving drug traffickers and the CIA.

Fox's Japan-set superhero flick "The Wolverine" starring Hugh Jackman as the clawed warrior scratched out the No. 2 spot with $21.7 million in its second weekend, bringing the Marvel icon's total domestic haul to $95 million. "Wolverine" earned another $38.5 million in 67 international territories.

"The Smurfs 2" launched in the No. 3 position with $18.2 million. While Sony's kid-friendly computer-generated sequel based on the blue-hued cartoon franchise debuted below expectations in North America, "Smurfs 2" earned a bright $52.5 million in 43 international markets.

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2. **"The Wolverine,"** $21.7 million ($38.5 million international).
3. **"The Smurfs 2,"** $18.2 million ($52.5 million international).
4. **"The Conjuring,"** $13.7 million ($11.6 million international).
5. **"Despicable Me 2,"** $10.4 million ($13.8 million international).
6. **"Grown Ups 2,"** $8.1 million ($2.8 million international).
7. **"Turbo,"** $6.4 million ($6.9 million international).
8. **"Red 2,"** $5.6 million ($9.3 million international).
9. **"The Heat,"** $4.7 million ($6.9 million international).
10. **"Pacific Rim,"** $4.6 million ($53 million international).

Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, said "2 Guns" opened at the studio's expectations and attributed the film's success to Icelandic director Baltasar Kormakur and the first-time pairing of Washington and Wahlberg.

"It was super casting," she said. "There was remarkable chemistry. The two of them work so well together. You see it on screen. Baltasar really gave them the energy to be able to do what they did in this film."

Peter Capaldi named as next 'Doctor Who' star

LONDON (AP)—Peter Capaldi is going from spin doctor to "Doctor Who."

The BBC announced Sunday that the Scottish actor, best known as venom-spitting political fixer Malcolm Tucker in the sitcom "The Thick of It" and its film spin-off, "In the Loop," is the new star of "Doctor Who," the famed science fiction series soon to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

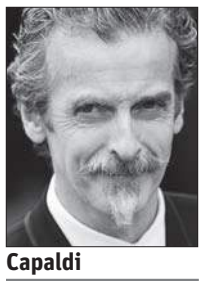
The identity of the new Doctor had been the subject of frantic speculation, and the revelation was made with fanfare befitting one of Britain's best-known shows—during a live suppertime television broadcast.

Capaldi is the 12th actor to play the Doctor, a galaxy-hopping Time Lord who travels in the Tardis, a time machine shaped like an old-fashioned British police telephone booth. At age 55, he's also the oldest since the first Doctor, William Hartnell.

Capaldi, a fan of the show since childhood, said that "being asked to play the Doctor is an amazing privilege."

"Like the Doctor himself I find myself in a state of utter terror and delight," he said.

Capaldi has a long list of movie, television and stage credits, from the 1983 film "Local Hero," to zombie thriller "World War Z," to the BBC's recent newsroom drama "The Hour." He is currently playing Cardinal Richelieu in BBC drama "The Musketeers." He's also an Oscar winner—he directed "Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life," which won the Academy Award for best short film in 1995.


Capaldi

"Doctor Who" was first broadcast in 1963 and is now one of the BBC's most popular programs, both in Britain and abroad. Its longevity is due partly to the flexibility of the premise. The Doctor can regenerate into new bodies and can travel to any point in space or time.

"Doctor Who" ran from 1963 to 1989, and was revived to acclaim in 2005. Since then, the Doctor has been played by Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant and Matt Smith, who took the part in 2010.

The role will be a dramatic change from Capaldi's turn as Tucker, a political manipulator known for his ceaseless and creative use of expletives. "Doctor Who" is a firmly child-friendly program.

"I think Malcolm has been banished from the mirror by this Doctor Who, who certainly would not put up with any of Malcolm's language or attitude," Capaldi said on the BBC show Sunday.

Smith will leave after a November episode to mark the show's 50th anniversary and a Christmas special that will see him regenerate into Capaldi. Capaldi's first full episode will air next year.

Whedon says he's making 'S.H.I.E.L.D.' he wants

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Joss Whedon says he's been enjoying trust as much as freedom from his partners on the much-awaited ABC sci-fi drama, "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."

Whedon

The prolific Whedon said Sunday that both ABC and Marvel have been involved in getting what they want as the series takes shape, but he added he has been allowed to fulfill his vision.

He said everyone is on the same page, while noting pointedly he hasn't always been blessed with that sort of creative relationship.

"S.H.I.E.L.D." picks up where the film "Marvel's The Avengers" left off, tracking a team of skilled agents who investigate super-human people around the world.

Whedon's credits include "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and the "Avengers" film. He was meeting with reporters at the Television Critics Association.

"S.H.I.E.L.D." premieres Sept. 24.

'Lost' star Andrews relishes 'Wonderland' change

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Naveen Andrews says he welcomed the transition from a movie about Princess Diana to a TV series inspired by "Alice in Wonderland."

The former "Lost" star plays the villainous Jafar in ABC's fall series "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland." In the upcoming big-screen "Diana," starring Naomi Watts, Andrews plays love interest Dr. Hasnat Khan.

Andrews said that after "Diana" the "Wonderland" TV series offered a chance to do something completely different that, as he put it, isn't "bound in space and time." He spoke Sunday to the Television Critics Association.

Ramos welcomes chance to go beyond bad-guy roles

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Luis Antonio Ramos, starring in the new ABC series "Lucky 7," became emotional talking about the chance to play something other than a stereotypical Latino character.

"I was tired of playing bad guys and stabbing people in the neck," Ramos said Sunday.

Such work was "sucking away my soul," forcing him to leave Los Angeles and seek more satisfying parts, including on stage, he told a Television Critics Association session.

In "Lucky 7," Ramos' character works at a gas station in Queens, New York City, and is a devoted family man. The series follows the impact that a shared lottery win has on the station's employees.

"That's the lottery for me," Ramos said of his character, choking up as he discussed the issue.

Civil rights groups and others have long criticized Hollywood for failing to reflect American diversity and for showing minorities in a limited light. Latinos often have been relegated to gang members or marginalized as domestic workers on TV series.

The ensemble cast of "Lucky 7," which debuts Sept. 24, includes Matt Long, Anastasia Phillips and Isiah Whitlock Jr. It's based on a British series, "The Syndicate," and includes that show's Lorraine Bruce.

Ramos lauded the U.S. series for putting working-class people in the spotlight.

"At the end of the day, that's what America's about. It's about the 99 percent and how they get through the day," he said.

The Puerto Rican-born Ramos has a full resume, with a long list of credits that include TV's "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "Burn Notice," the films "Do the Right Thing" and "Sea of Love," and award-winning stage work.

AP

Actors Rebel Wilson, left, and Liza Lapira attend the Disney/ABC Television Group's 2013 Summer TCA panel at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Rebel Wilson ready to enjoy 'Super Fun Night'

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Rebel Wilson says "Super Fun Night" burst from her own social misadventures.

The upcoming ABC sitcom focuses on her character and two gal pals who spend every Friday night together, avoiding contact with the outside world.

The Australian-born comedian-actress said she used to sit home many nights with pals watching DVDs. Then she resolved to spread her wings and force herself into social situations. "Super Fun Night" draws on those experiences.

The series is produced by Conan O'Brien, who discovered Wilson as a guest on his TBS talk show. He said he knew right away he wanted to sign her for a series.

He described Wilson as "vulnerable, fearless" and among the most likable performers he's ever met.

They met with reporters at a session of the Television Critics Association.

Help is plentiful for military veterans going back to school

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: This letter is for "Torn in Milford, Conn." (May 16). I returned to college after 20 years of active duty and know first-hand how difficult the transition can be. Most universities have a veterans' service office where he might be able to connect with students with similar backgrounds and experiences to his. There should also be chapters of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars where he can meet others.

I was fortunate that the university I attended (at age 45) had a dorm floor specifically for "nontraditional" students like me. In classes, I was able to make friends because my unique experiences enabled me to connect to the material in ways younger students could not, and by sharing those connections, people got to know me. Starting over—starting something new—is always difficult, but no education is ever wasted.

If he does want to explore a career in security, "Torn" should take a part-time job while attending school to help cover expenses; universities always need highly skilled employees, and university towns are filled with venues that require such skills. That being said, a diploma will get him further in his future.

NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT, EKALAKA, MONT.

DEAR NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT: Thank you for sharing your personal experience. Your support and encouragement for "Torn" to complete his college education was endorsed by many other vets and college professors, who find vets to be great students:

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DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned that there may be more going on with "Torn" than just that he/she doesn't fit in with peers in school. Being a combat vet and feeling disconnected from peers or having a desire to return to what they knew before (security work) is a sign of PTSD. Missing work is often "code" for survivor's guilt. ("If I could go back and make it right, perhaps my buddy would be here, or I would be with my buddy.")

There are services available for vets suffering from PTSD if they recognize the need to reach out for them. Also, if this vet is using his/her educational benefits, then the chances of there being a training plan to help in readjustment is likely.

VET WHO MADE IT THROUGH

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DEAR ABBY: I am a longtime college professor. Many bright students, young and old, have similar complaints. "Torn," you sound like a great student, as many vets are. Try evening classes. They're usually available to any enrolled student and are the same courses taught in day sections. Students enrolled in these classes are mostly working adults who are more dedicated.

See if your college has online courses, so you won't have to deal with the students in person, although you may have to take part in online discussions. Check out your college's career services office and find a part-time job. This will give you a different peer group, plus give you some experience in your field. Your college's veterans' office may also have helpful resources for you.

I hope these ideas will help your college experience to be more pleasant and productive.

DR. M. IN OKLAHOMA CITY

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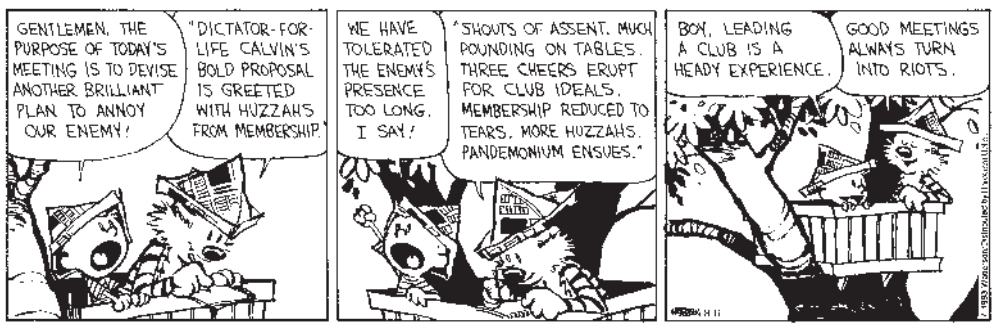
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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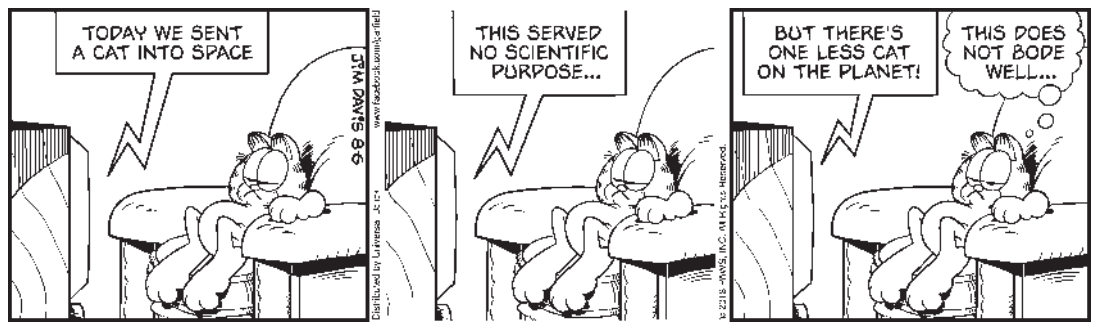
WE HAVE TOLERATED THE ENEMY'S PRESENCE TOO LONG. I SAY!
"SHOUTS OF ASSENT. MUCH POUNDING ON TABLES. THREE CHEERS ERUPT FOR CLUB IDEALS. MEMBERSHIP REDUCED TO TEARS. MORE HUZZAHS. PANDEMONIUM ENSUES."
BOY, LEADING A CLUB IS A HEADY EXPERIENCE.
GOOD MEETINGS ALWAYS TURN INTO RIOTS.

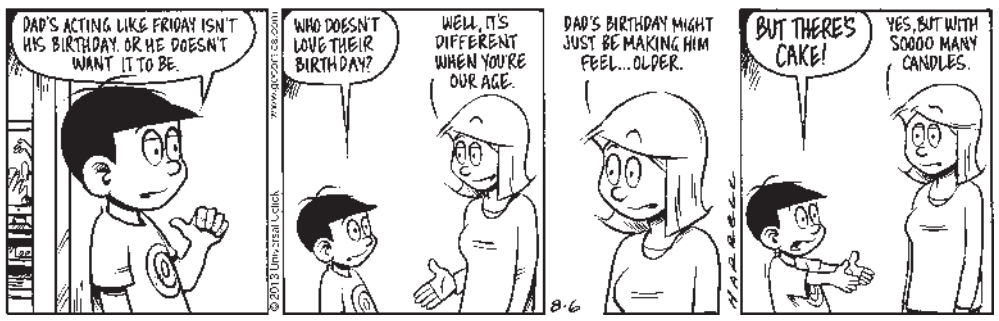
Garfield®

By Jim Davis


TODAY WE SENT A CAT INTO SPACE
THIS SERVED NO SCIENTIFIC PURPOSE...
BUT THERE'S ONE LESS CAT ON THE PLANET!
THIS DOES NOT BODE WELL...

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


DAD'S ACTING LIKE FRIDAY ISN'T HIS BIRTHDAY. OR HE DOESN'T WANT IT TO BE.
WHO DOESN'T LOVE THEIR BIRTHDAY?
WELL, IT'S DIFFERENT WHEN YOU'RE OUR AGE.
DAD'S BIRTHDAY MIGHT JUST BE MAKING HIM FEEL...OLDER.
BUT THERE'S CAKE!
YES, BUT WITH SOOOO MANY CANDLES.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Paper quantity
5 Glutton
8 Peruse
12 Plankton component
13 Old card game
14 Advantage
15 Forest
17 Blood line?
18 Potentially will
19 Climb a pole, perhaps
21 Tossed in
24 WWI German admiral
25 Futile
26 Robin Hood's bailiwick
30 Peculiar
31 Caught sight of
32 Japanese sash
33 Oboe, e.g.
35 Lash
36 Decline
37 Dukes
38 Ill-fated queen
41 Playground game
42 Carbon component
43 "Unforgiven" director
48 Listending abbr.
49 Genetic letters
50 Vacationing
51 Spacecraft compartments
52 Knightly address
53 Unembellished

DOWN
1 Uncooked
2 "Xanadu" band
3 In earlier times
4 Drama set at an ad agency
5 Stage presentation
6 Charged bit
7 "Have a safe trip!"
8 Critic's write-up
9 Paradise
10 Opposed, slangily
11 Contradict
16 Young fellow
20 Group of cattle
21 Acknowledge
22 Pedestal part
23 Carthaginian queen
24 Glisten
26 Tops, e.g.
27 — and aahs
28 Final notice
29 Immerses
31 Vacillate
34 Lives
35 Reservation hut
37 Obese
38 Traffic noise
39 Aware of
40 Burden
41 Despot
44 Blackbird
45 Have bills
46 Rowboat item
47 Coloring agent

Solution time: 21 mins.

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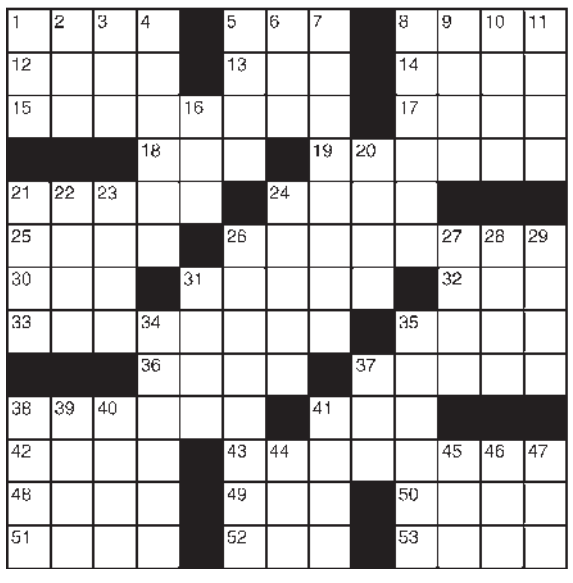
Yesterday's answer 8-6



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Happy Birthday: Consideration will be required this year, but you must not forgo your dreams due to someone else's demands. Fair is fair, and as long as you strive for equality, you will land on your feet. Home and domestic situations may need some assistance. Favors will be granted along with support, suggestions and unusual proposals. Your numbers are 7, 12, 14, 22, 28, 31, 43.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Rely on your experience, skills and sheer determination. Network and concentrate on listening to others and showing interest in a wide variety of topics. The way you handle others will define what's to come. Don't let anyone bully you. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Focus on home, family and the people around you who can influence your future. Embrace change rather than fight the inevitable. Keep your emotions in check and refuse to let anyone goad you into participating in something you'd rather not do. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Communicate from the heart, and you will get to the root of a problem or difficult situation you face. The choices you make regarding your living situation will be beneficial in the end. You may have to give up one thing to get another. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Fix up your surroundings and put a little extra care into your family dynamics. Love is on the rise, and letting others know how you feel will ease stress and help you enhance your personal relationships. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take your time, be creative and invent your own way of doing things. Deal with agencies and institutions that can benefit you if you lead them in the right direction by offering unique solutions for health, financial or legal issues. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): What you do for others will lead to propositions. Your time, energy and knowhow will go a long way. Don't be afraid to ask for whatever you need to make your assistance worthwhile. Love is in the stars, and romance should be on your agenda.✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't let the situations going on around you get you down. Rise above any turmoil and be the silent observer. Focus on making personal changes that will lead to greater happiness, health and wealth. Participate in events and make new friends. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Know what and whom you are dealing with before you share personal information. Engage in challenges that entice you for the right reason. Expand your knowledge and use your creative imagination to reach your goals. Love is on the rise. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Don't sit still when you should be exercising your right to take action. Change is needed, and thinking about it and doing something to make it happen will define who you are and what you can do. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Put a little extra effort into your appearance. You'll feel better and do better if you are happy with the way you look. Love is highlighted, and making a solid commitment or promise will secure your position. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Address partnerships and professional relationships head-on. It's important to keep your position clear and your motives concise if you want to avoid being misinterpreted or misrepresented. Being vague will lead to disappointment. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Get busy networking and wheeling and dealing with people who can help you reach financial or professional goals. A partnership will lead to bigger and better opportunities. Love will flourish if you plan a romantic evening. Live in the moment. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are dramatic, entertain and positive. You are generous, friendly and popular.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

				3	4		5	
	7			5		4	9	
		6					1	8
	4							1
			2	4	6			
5							2	
2	3					5		
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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/06

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	3	5	4	6	9	7	1	8
7	1	4	8	5	3	6	9	2
8	9	6	2	7	1	3	4	5
4	8	1	9	2	6	5	3	7
9	5	3	1	8	7	2	6	4
6	7	2	5	3	4	9	8	1
1	4	7	6	9	5	8	2	3
5	6	8	3	1	2	4	7	9
3	2	9	7	4	8	1	5	6

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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A	V	T	I	A	C	S	R	O	V	A	L	F	T	D
Y	E	N	A	M	L	U	S	S	T	A	F	R	A	I
O	R	O	A	R	A	T	D	E	E	O	S	E	L	R
S	A	T	L	T	E	T	H	O	C	S	H	S	O	F
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Cook (1)
- High school graduate
- Work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays
- At least 1-2 years working experience
- Knowledgeable of all menus and recipes in his section including ingredients, methods of cooking and preparation of dishes and assures that the correct standard of sanitation, hygiene and cleanliness is always maintained.
- Salary $5.55/Hourly

Bartender (2)
- High School graduate
- Work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays
- At least 1-2 years working experience
- Knowledgeable in mixing drinks and serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and beverages to customers
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Chief Bartender (2)
Qualifications:
- High School graduate or equivalent with minimum of at least 5 years experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails
- Must know how to give instructions and supervision to his assistants
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills required
- Full time with flexible working hours

Interested applicants may submit resume to Joe's Bar and Steak House Capital's Office in Garapan.
Phone: 233-5367

FRAM LLC.

Tour Guide (1) Full time with must be fluent in both English and Russian (read, write and converse), will need to do basic office work such as filling and answering phone calls if not on the field. Must have a good knowledge of the island.

Wait staff (2) – 1 fluent in Russian (read, write and converse) and 1 English Speaking Full time with minimum of 3 years experience and must have a Bachelor's Degree.

Bartenders (2) - 1 fluent in Russian (read, write and converse) and 1 English Speaking Full time with minimum of 3 years experience and must have a Bachelor's Degree

Chef De Cusine (1) – Fluent in Russian (read, write and converse) with minimum of 3 years experience and has a Bachelor's Degree

Chef (2) specializing in European Cuisine (Mediterranean and Fine Dining) and American Cuisine with minimum of 3 years experience and has a Bachelor's Degree

Cook Helper (2) with minimum of 3 years experience
Dishwasher (2) with minimum of 3 years experience

All Applicants must provide character reference and previous employment certifications together with police and traffic clearance

Trade testing will be conducted when shortlisted

Interested applicants must submit resume via email including references and certifications to coffeeroom106@gmail.com

YANO Enterprises, Inc.
dba: Kinpachi Restaurant

Cook (2): Must be experienced & skilled in preparing Japanese cuisine including but not limited to sushi, sashimi, & tempura. Can prepare all menu items according to quantity menus. Must be able to maintain kitchen & observe safety & sanitary food handling practices as well as other related duties.

Additional Requirements: All applicants must be of good health and have a good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to obtain health certificate, must be able to provide current police clearance, with reliable transportation and must agree to drug test.

Applicants of positions listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 year experience. Applications can be picked up at Kinpachi Restaurant, MISA Bld. 1 Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. Please no phone calls.

Coral Ocean Point Resort Club

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Has openings and is inviting experienced qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

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(3) Groundskeeper: $5.55 - $6.05. High school Diploma or equivalent. Have at least 1 or more years work experience in landscaping or grounds maintenance using hand or power tools or equipments. Have some knowledge of methods of landscaping.

(1) Automotive Mechanic: $ 5.55 - $7.50. High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least 3 or more years of work experience in full range skilled repair and maintenance on automobiles, small engines such as golf course equipments, heavy equipments, and other mechanical and electrical equipments.

(1) Sales Representative: $5.55 -$6.05. High School diploma or equivalent. Have at least 2 or more years work related experience in sales and/or marketing. Knowledge of principles and methods for showing, promoting and selling products or services, marketing strategy, tactics, product demonstration, sales techniques and sales control system. Knowledge in golf tournament policy and procedures preferred but not required.

(1) Japanese-Korean Sales Representative: Salary subject to qualification and experience. Associate's Degree in business-related field such as marketing, sales or business management, or its equivalent. Have at least 3 or more work experience as a successful sales person. Have knowledge in analyzing sales statistics to determine sales potential and monitor the preferences of customers. Knowledge in golf tournament policy and procedures preferred but not required. Must be able to speak, read and understand both Japanese and Korean languages.

(2) Front Desk Clerk: $5.55 – $6.05. High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least 1 or more years work experience in the hospitality industry. Have knowledge of principles and processes for providing excellent customer and personal service skills. Have basic computer and keyboarding proficiency. Able to speak additional languages is preferred but not required.

(2) Bell Attendant: $5.55 - $6.25. High School Diploma or equivalent. Have at least 1 or more years work experience in the hospitality industry. Have knowledge of principles and processes for providing excellent customer and personal service skills. Able to speak additional languages is preferred but not required. Physically capable to lift at least 50lbs. and have valid CNMI driver's license.

(1) Golf Starter: $5.55 - $6.05, High school Diploma or equivalent. Have at least 1 or more years work experience in the hospitality industry. Have some knowledge in the game of golf and its standards. Have a valid CNMI driver's license. Able to speak additional language is preferred but not required.

(1) Accountant: $5.55 - $6.50. BA Degree in Finance or Accounting. Have at least 3 to 5 years work experience in accounting. Have knowledge of economic and accounting principles and practices, A/P, A/R, G/L, bank analysis and reporting of financial data.

(1) Food & Beverage Supervisor: $5.55 - $8.55, High School diploma or equivalent. Have at least 3 or more years work experience in the hospitality industry. Have knowledge of principles and processes for providing excellent customer and personal service skills. Able to speak additional languages is preferred but not required. Have the knowledge in supervising wait staff and peers. Able to obtain a Food Handler Certification.

(3) Cook: $5.55 - $6.25. Associate's Degree or higher in Culinary Arts, may be substituted for 5 years work experience in preparing quality International food production. Have knowledge in food production and processing. Able to obtain a Food Handler Certification.

(2) Waiter/Waitress: $5.55 - $6.05, High school diploma or equivalent. Have at least 1 or more years of work experience in the hospitality industry. Have knowledge of principles and processes for providing excellent customer and personal service skills. Ability to speak additional languages is preferred but not required. Able to obtain a Food Handler Certification.

(1) Maintenance Supervisor: $5.55 - $8.55, High School Diploma or equivalent. Have 2 or more years of higher level education and training in general maintenance and repair. Have 3 or more years work experience in general maintenance or other maintenance responsibilities that would include monitoring daily operations of power plants, generators and water pumps. Have the ability to recognize electrical, plumbing, and mechanical malfunctions or equipment failures. Have knowledge in supervising staff and peers.

(3) General Maintenance: $5.55 - $6.25. High School Diploma or equivalent. 3 or more years work related experience in maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds that would include carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry and painting tasks. Knowledge in performing minor troubleshooting, repairs and adjustments on locks on doors, cabinets, etc.

Skills testing maybe required for some positions. Applicants must be able to work in extreme weather condition, and flexible to work on shifts, weekends, and holidays.

Application form can be picked up at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club, Human Resource Office located in Pro-shop Bldg. All interested individuals must submit completed application forms not later than August 14th at 2pm. Applications submitted after the deadline date and time will not be considered.

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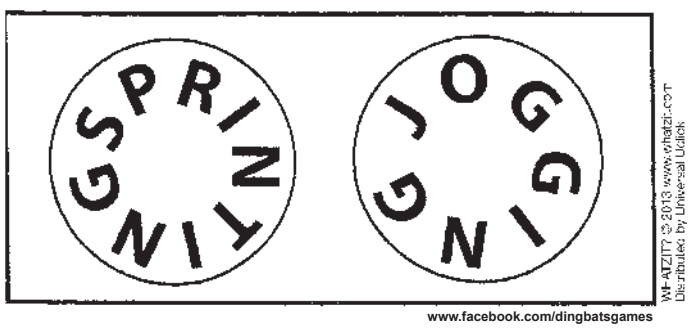

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Source: A-Rod can play during suspension appeal

NEW YORK (AP)—Alex Rodriguez figures to have a one-of-a-kind day on Monday. He'll receive a lengthy suspension from baseball and then head to the ballpark to play for the New York Yankees for the first time this season.

A-Rod's suspension, likely through the 2014 season, was to be announced as part of Major League Baseball's latest drug investigation, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press.

Major League Baseball informed the Yankees on Sunday that A-Rod will be suspended for his links to a clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs, the person said, speaking on condition of anonymity because no statement was authorized.

But the person also said A-Rod will be eligible to play while he appeals the penalty to an arbitrator.

The Yankees weren't told the exact length of the suspension, though they were under the impression it will be through the 2014 season, the person said.

The Yankees star could get a shorter penalty if he agrees to give up the right to file a grievance and force the case before an arbitrator, the person added.

A suspension from Monday through 2014 would total 214 games, and an unsuccessful appeal could stretch serving the penalty into 2015.

In the era before players and owners agreed to a drug plan in late 2002, arbitrators often shortened drug suspensions—in the case of Yankees pitcher Steve Howe, his penalty was cut from a lifetime ban to 119 days.

MLB planned an announcement for noon EDT Monday, a second person familiar with the deliberations said, also on condition of anonymity.

Rodriguez is the most famous player linked to the now-closed Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic in Florida, and the Yankees expect him to be charged with interfering with MLB's investigation, resulting in a harsher penalty than the other 13 players facing discipline.

Barring an agreement, Rodriguez's appeal would be heard by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz.

Adding to the drama: The 38-year-old Rodriguez, a three-time AL MVP, was due to rejoin the Yankees for their series opener at the Chicago White Sox, his first big league appearance since last October's playoffs. He's been rehabbing since hip surgery in January.

"He's in there, and I'm going to play him," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said Sunday after New York's 6-3 loss at San Diego.

Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson was excited A-Rod could play during an appeal.

"I want him back with us. This is arguably one of the best hitters of all time," he said. "Having him in the lineup is obviously going to be very positive for us."

AP

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez answers questions from the media during a press conference after a minor league baseball rehab start with the Trenton Thunder in a game against the Reading Fightin Phils, Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013 at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton, N.J.

New York is a season-high 9 1/2 games out of first place in the AL East and 4 1/2 out in the race for the second wild-card spot.

"We're going to be happy to see him back in the lineup, especially the way we've been playing," second baseman Robinson Cano said. "He can come up and help us win some games."

All-Stars Nelson Cruz of Texas, Jhonny Peralta of Detroit and Everth Cabrera of San Diego were among those who could get 50-game suspensions from the probe, sparked in January when Miami New Times published documents linking many players to the closed clinic in Coral Gables, Fla.

Many players were expected to agree to penalties and start serving them immediately, but an appeal by a first-offender under the drug agreement would postpone his suspension until after a decision by an arbitrator.

Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun, the 2011 NL MVP, agreed July 22 to a 65-game ban through the rest of the 2013 season for his role with Biogenesis.

Braun was given a 50-game suspension for elevated testosterone that was overturned last year by arbitrator Shyam Das because of issues with the handling of the urine sample.

Since spring training, the union has said it will consider stiffer penalties starting in 2014.

"The home runs that are hit because a guy's on performance-enhancing substances, those ruin somebody's ERA, which ruins their arbitration case, which ruins their salary," Los Angeles Angels pitcher C.J. Wilson said. "So it's a whole domino effect."

Rodriguez's return from hip surgery was slowed by a quadriceps injury. He completed his second minor league injury rehabilitation assignment on Saturday night, a two-day stay at Double-A Trenton. Rodriguez walked in all four plate appearances, a day after hitting a two-run homer.

Following Friday night's game, Rodriguez all but said he thought MLB and the Yankees were conspiring to keep him from getting back to the big leagues.

"There is more than one party that benefits from me not ever stepping back on the field. And that's not my teammates and it's not the Yankee fans," he said, adding: "When all this stuff is going on in the background and people are finding creative ways to cancel your contract and stuff like that, I think that's concerning for me."

Braves beat Phillies 4-1 for 10th straight win

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Chris Johnson drove in a pair of runs and Alex Wood pitched six strong innings to lead the Atlanta Braves to their 10th straight victory, 4-1 over the slumping Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday.

Wood (2-2) allowed one run on two hits in his fourth major league start. The unorthodox 22-year-old rookie left-hander, who configures his body in an unusual way during his delivery, struck out three and walked two.

Johnson, who entered leading the league in batting, hit a two-run single in the first to stake the Braves to an early lead. Justin Upton and B.J. Upton each had a pair of hits with a double apiece for Atlanta, which matched its season-best winning streak.

Philadelphia managed just four hits while dropping its fifth straight and 13th in the last 14.

Pirates 5, Rockies 1

In Pittsburgh, A.J. Burnett allowed eight hits and Russell Martin provided some rare run support for the right-hander with a three-run homer to lead the Pirates over the Rockies.

Burnett (5-7) struck out nine and walked one in his first complete game of the season and 23rd of his 15-year career. He threw 110 pitches, 83 for strikes.

Martin's home run came in the fifth inning and put the Pirates ahead 5-0. Burnett hasn't gotten much backing this season, and owns a losing record despite a 2.73 ERA.

Dodgers 1, Cubs 0

In Chicago, A.J. Ellis hit an RBI single and Stephen Fife pitched into the sixth inning as Los Angeles extended its franchise-record road winning streak to 14 with a win over Chicago.

The Dodgers haven't lost on the road since July 6 in San Francisco. The NL record for consecutive road wins is 17 by the New York Giants in 1916. Detroit was the last to win 14 straight in 1984.

The Cubs haven't scored for 23 straight innings.

Cardinals 15, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Matt Carpenter broke his 0-for-23 slump with a bases-loaded double during the Cardinals' decisive rally as St. Louis ended a tough trip on the upswing by beating Cincinnati.

The Cardinals went 3-8 on a trip that included seven straight losses—four of them in Pittsburgh, allowing the Pirates to overtake them for the NL Central lead.

Brewers 8, Nationals 5

In Milwaukee, Jeff Bianchi lofted a single that dropped just behind a drawn-in infield, breaking a tie and capping a five-run sixth inning as Milwaukee beat Washington.

With the score tied 4-4 and runners at second and third, Bianchi's soft bloop off Fernando Abad (0-3) dropped in back of second base as Anthony Rendon raced back to make a play. It allowed Khris Davis to score from third and Juan Francisco to just beat the throw home with a perfect slide.

Indians 2, Marlins 0

In Miami, Scott Kazmir and three relievers combined on a four-hitter as Cleveland beat Miami for its 10th win in 11 games.

The shutout was the 15th for the Indians, most in the American League. They took two of three games in the series despite scoring a total of only six runs. The Indians, who are chasing AL Central-leading Detroit, begin a four-game series at home Monday against the Tigers.

Royals 6, Mets 2

In New York, Ervin Santana allowed five hits and allowed one run in six innings as surging Kansas City beat New York.

The Royals won for the 11th time in 12 games, helped by a pair of flyballs that right fielder Marlon Byrd lost in the sun. Both came during a three-run fifth, with one falling for a double and the other glancing off his glove for an error.

Mike Moustakas hit a solo homer for the Royals, who completed an 8-1 road trip.

Padres 6, Yankees 3

In San Diego, Ian Kennedy won his San Diego debut, his first victory in more than two months, and Everth Cabrera, facing a 50-game suspension in baseball's latest drug scandal, had two hits and two RBIS as the Padres beat New York.

The Padres took two of three from the Yankees, who got only 2 2-3 innings out of Phil Hughes.

Rangers 4, Athletics 0

In Oakland, California, Derek Holland gave up four hits in eight stellar innings and Nelson Cruz and Mitch Moreland each hit a home run as Ron Washington became the most successful manager in Rangers history as Texas beat the Oakland Athletics.

Adrian Beltre had two hits and drove in a run for the Rangers, who have won six of seven to move within 2 1-2 games of the AL West-leading Athletics.

Nate Freiman had two hits for the A's, who have lost four of five.

Tigers 3, White Sox 2, 12 innings

In Detroit, Torii Hunter hit an RBI single in the 12th inning as Detroit extended Chicago's losing streak to 10 games.

Miguel Cabrera, who has been dealing with hip and abdominal problems, led off the 12th with a pinch-hit single. Matt Tuiasosopo ran for him and went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Austin Jackson. Hunter, who came on as replacement, lined a single to left-center off Dylan Axelrod (3-8).

Bruce Rondon (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for his first career win.

Mariners 3, Orioles 2

In Baltimore, seldom-used Henry Blanco hit a two-run homer in the seventh off Chen Wei-yin as Seattle beat Baltimore behind left-hander Joe Saunders.

Batting ninth in the lineup, the 41-year-old Blanco sent an 0-2 pitch into the left-field seats to erase a 2-1 deficit. The backup catcher was playing in his 32nd game of the season, the 17th with Seattle after being signed as a free agent.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 5

In Anaheim, California, Jose Bautista and Edwin Encarnacion drove in the tying and go-ahead runs with two-out singles in the ninth as Toronto beat Los Angeles to avoid a four-game sweep.

Mark Trumbo hit a three-run homer and Mike Trout also went deep against Mark Buehrle, helping the Angels build a 5-2 lead for C.J. Wilson. But the Blue Jays rallied with two in the eighth, as Angels manager Mike Scioscia used five pitchers to get out of the inning.

Twins 3, Astros 2

In Minneapolis, Justin Morneau and Oswaldo Arcia homered, and four relievers combined for four scoreless innings to lead Minnesota to a three-game sweep of Houston.

Arcia led off the seventh with a home run that broke a 2-all tie. He connected against Brad Peacock (1-4), who was promoted from Triple-A to make the start and struck out 10.

Caleb Thielbar (2-1) got two outs for the win and Glen Perkins earned his 27th save.

Red Sox 4, Diamondbacks 0

In Boston, Felix Doubront pitched seven shutout innings to continue his run of strong starts and Jacoby Ellsbury drove in two runs to lift Boston over Arizona.

It was Boston's seventh win in nine games, completing a 5-2 homestand. The AL East leaders play 16 of the next 19 away from Fenway Park, beginning Monday night in Houston.

Doubront (8-5) allowed five singles, struck out five, didn't walk a batter and allowed just one runner to reach second base in holding an opponent to three runs or fewer for the 15th straight start. It's the most by a Red Sox left-hander since at least 1920.

Rays 4, Giants 3

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Wil Myers homered and four relievers allowed one hit over 4 1-3 scoreless innings to help Tampa Bay beat San Francisco.

Alex Torres (4-0) started the bullpen parade by replacing Roberto Hernandez with two outs in the fifth and struck out two over 1 1-3 innings. Jake McGee worked a perfect seventh and Joel Peralta left Hunter Pence stranded at second after a two-out double in the eighth before Fernando Rodney pitched the ninth for his 27th save.

Woods shoots 70, coasts to 8th win at Bridgestone

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — They say par is a good score in a major.

If that's true next week at the PGA Championship, then Tiger Woods has already done his share of preparation.

Woods played safe and smart with a big lead, parring 16 holes in an even-par 70 Sunday to coast to a seven-shot victory at the Bridgestone Invitational for his eighth win at the event—matching the PGA Tour record he already shared for victories in a single tournament.

"As blustery as it was, it was going to be really hard for someone to shoot 62 or 63," Woods said. "If I didn't give any shots away and played my game and shot even par or better, I'd force these guys to go and shoot something super low on a golf course that wasn't going to give it up under these conditions."

As he walked to the scorer's trailer to finalize his score, he scooped up 4-year-old son Charlie, who hugged him tightly as his father strode past the large gallery wildly cheering his landslide victory.

"This is the first win he's ever been at," Woods said. "That's what makes it special for both of us."

Daughter Sam was on hand when Woods, won the U.S. Open in 2008, before his personal life imploded. Now Charlie will have some memories of dad in the winner's circle.

"They always say, `Daddy, when are you going to win the tournament?' It was a few years there, or a couple years, I hadn't won anything," Woods said, smiling. "`Are you leading or not? That's a stock question. `Not leading.' `Well, are you going to start leading?' `Well, I'm trying.'"

After a second-round 61 in which he flirted with 59, Woods ended up at 15-under 265 to easily beat defending champ Keegan Bradley and Henrik Stenson.

Bradley, a huge fan of Tiger's when he was a youngster, was asked if he liked to see Woods dominate like he did a decade or so ago.

"When I was younger, I did," Bradley said. "You know, I hate to sit here and go on and on about how good he is, but he is. It's difficult because I really want to get up there and contend with him. But he's just ... this week he's playing really well."

Woods' mastery at Firestone Country Club allowed him to again match Sam Snead's PGA Tour record for wins in an event. Snead won the Greater Greensboro Open eight times. Earlier this year, Woods won at Bay Hill for the eighth time.

As if he weren't already the favorite next week in the PGA Championship at Oak Hill, the lopsided victory reinforced it.

No one ever got within six shots all day of the world's No. 1.

When he had a good shot at a pin, he took it. Otherwise, he took few, if any, risks.

He birdied the 10th hole, then offset that with a three-putt bogey at the 14th hole. But by then most of the field was thinking about catching flights to Rochester instead of catching Woods.

Bradley, who won a year ago when Jim Furyk double-bogeyed the 72nd hole, shot a 67 to get to 8 under along with Stenson, who had a 70 while playing with Woods.

"He kind of punctured this tournament on Friday," Stenson said. "He did what he needed to do today."

Tied for fourth were Cleveland-born Jason Dufner (71), Miguel Angel Jimenez (69) and Zach Johnson (67) at 6 under. Bill Haas and Chris Wood each shot a 71 and were at 5 under, with Martin Kaymer, who matched the day's best round with a 66, at 4 under along with Furyk, Richard Sterne and Luke Donald.

For those betting Woods won't win next week at Oak Hill, keep in mind that he has already won both the Bridgestone and the PGA Championship in the same year three times in his career (2000, 2006, 2007).

Still, the odds do not favor him coming right back with another win. In the 19 times in which he has won his last start before a major, he's only followed up with a win four times: 2000 U.S. Open (after winning The Memorial), 2001 Masters (Players), 2006 PGA (Buick) and 2007 PGA (Bridgestone).

The victory was Woods' 79th on the PGA Tour, drawing him within three of Snead's record 82 triumphs.

"The total body of work is pretty good," Woods said. "One of the things I'm proud of, obviously, is how many times I've won, plus won World Golf Championships and how many years I've won five or more tournaments in a season. What is it, like eight or nine times? Ten? That's not bad, either."

Lest anyone think he'll have difficulty surpassing Snead's total, consider that Woods is over 10 years younger (he's 37 1/2) than Snead was when he won his 82nd and final event, the 1965 Greater Greensboro.

Even though he's a California native, Woods has found a second home in Ohio where he has 13 victories - five at the Memorial Tournament.

Woods won the Bridgestone, and it's forerunner the NEC Invitational, about every way imaginable: overcoming a crazy shot that went onto the clubhouse roof, putting out in almost total darkness, running away early, outdueling a foe down the stretch.

Woods, who has five wins this year to have at least that many in a year for the 10th time, also has won 18 World Golf Championship series events in just 42 starts.

Really, he won the tournament in the rain Friday.

The 61 he had in the second round—he needed to go just 2 under over the final five holes to shoot a magical 59—matched his career best, mustered three previous times including once before at Firestone.

In the two previous times he won the Bridgestone and then played in the PGA Championship, he finished first at Southern Hills in 2007 and then placed second—blowing a final-round lead to Y.E. Yang—in 2009 at Hazeltine.

He's far from a lock next week, however.

Woods has not won in his last 17 starts in a major, calling into question his shot at surpassing Jack Nicklaus' record 18 victories in majors. Woods has 14—and all eyes will be on him as he heads to Pittsford, N.Y.

Among those watching him will be the defending champion.

"The second-round 61 was phenomenal," 2012 PGA Championship winner Rory McIlroy said. "He does well on every course he plays, but he comes back to a few courses on tour that he seems to really excel at.

"And, obviously, this is one of them."

AP

Tiger Woods holds the trophy after winning the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 4, 2013 at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

Kirilenko: 'Time to take a shot to win a title'

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When Andrei Kirilenko opted out of a $10.2 million contract with the Minnesota Timberwolves, the 32-year-old forward did so presumably looking for one last long-term deal of his career.

Then the Russian star decided to sign a two-year deal with the Brooklyn Nets that will pay him just over $3 million this season, and the conspiracy theories immediately started. The Nets are owned by Russian billionaire Mikhail Prokhorov, so surely there was some backroom, nudge-nudge agreement for further compensation under the table, right?

"No," Kirilenko said Thursday during a conference call. "Those type of rumors I can't control. I guess it comes from the history because of Russia, the KGB. I don't know what to think. I played 12 years in the NBA. It makes it look funny for those type of accusations."

Earlier this summer, Prokhorov chalked up the talk to the kind of suspicion that is rooted in cinema and Cold War thinking, not modern reality.

"I think old stereotypes, they are very hard to beat and to break," Prokhorov said. "And I want to thank our fans and members of the press, because they have been very quick to support us. And I respect all the NBA rules, and we play by the NBA rules. But I want just to stress once again, like with the luxury tax, I will do whatever I can in order to win championship, but under the NBA rules, please make no mistake about this."

Kirilenko said the reason he chose Brooklyn is much simpler. After spending his first 11 seasons in the NBA with the Utah Jazz and Timberwolves, his motivation has changed from making money to chasing championships.

"I play in NBA for 12 years and I think there is a time to take a shot to win a title," Kirilenko said.

After spending the lockout year playing in Moscow, a rejuvenated Kirilenko averaged 12.4 points, 5.7 rebounds, 1.5 steals and shot 50.7 percent for the Timberwolves last season. He also helped turn a team that had struggled mightily on defense for years into a respectable unit on that end of the floor.

His contributions had team President David Kahn assuring Kirilenko that he would get a new, long-term deal from the Wolves this summer. But Kahn was fired after the season and new team President Flip Saunders wasn't willing to give Kirilenko a three or four-year deal worth more than $30 million, numbers that were discussed during the season. So Kirilenko opted out of the final year of his deal with Minnesota and hit the market.

"At that time I was feeling I want to be in Minnesota for a long time," Kirilenko said. "But there were some changes to Minnesota and I really respect Flip Saunders and I respect his decision that he decided not to sign me for a long time. I can't do anything with that. That kind of opened up all my options. I start looking to other teams and start comparing situations to other teams."

He had conversations with several teams, and the Timberwolves did offer him a three-year deal that would have paid him $6 million to $7 million annually to anchor the team's defense. But Prokhorov was in the middle of a summer spending spree, swinging a massive trade to land Celtics stars Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Jason Terry that would send the Nets' luxury tax bill skyrocketing.

It's the kind of bold, brash moves that Kirilenko watched Prokhorov pull off when the two were teamed up for Russian powerhouse CSKA Moscow, and he liked what he saw.

"He's always been known as a guy who is really trying to get the result," Kirilenko said. "He's a competitor and he wants to win. It's always great when your owner is really passionate about basketball."

And the Russian roots don't hurt, either. When Prokhorov first bought the Nets, Kirilenko said he envisioned himself one day playing in Brooklyn. He goes to New York, where there is a vibrant Russian community, another big plus for him.

"It's a huge part," he said. "It's kind of reminding me that I'm playing at home. In the lockout year I played back in Moscow and I feel so great that I had Russian friends and all the fans. Everybody speaks Russian. It makes you feel like you are home."

Taking such a big pay cut certainly was a part of the discussions he had with his wife and children about the move. But they looked at living in New York, playing for Prokhorov and playing with a star-studded team that also includes Deron Williams, Brook Lopez and Joe Johnson, and decided they couldn't pass it up.

"I understand the money is not that great, is not what I could have made," Kirilenko said. "If you take a look at the situations, 10 years ago, I'm not sure I would've taken that deal. Right now it was certainly best option possible to take the chance and win the trophy. I'm not saying we're going to win. ... But for first time in my career I'm starting the season when I know we have a chance to win the whole thing."

ESPN: NCAA investigating Manziel over autographs

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP)—ESPN says the NCAA is investigating whether Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel was paid for signing hundreds of autographs in January.

Citing unidentified sources, ESPN's "Outside the Lines" said the Heisman Trophy winner signed items in exchange for a five-figure fee during his trip to Miami for the BCS championship game.

ESPN said sources told "Outside the Lines" that Manziel signed photographs, footballs, mini football helmets and other items at the request of autograph broker Drew Tieman.

Reached at his home Sunday night in Pembroke Pines, Fla., Tieman declined to make any comment or take any questions from The Associated Press.

ESPN reported that a source said James Garland, the NCAA's assistant director of enforcement, contacted Tieman and at least one person associated with the signings in June.

"We cannot comment on current, pending or potential investigations," NCAA spokeswoman Emily Potter told the AP in an email statement Sunday night.

Texas A&M also declined to comment.

"It is Texas A&M's long-standing practice not to respond to such questions concerning specific student-athletes," the school said in an email statement to the AP.

It's unclear what level of involvement the NCAA has at this point. When a player is believed to have broken rules, it's not uncommon for a school to declare that player ineligible, then ask the NCAA to investigate and reinstate the athlete's eligibility.

Nate Fitch, a friend of Manziel's, posted several tweets at that time saying he was with the Heisman winner in South Florida for the BCS title game. None of Fitch's tweets around the dates of that trip suggested anything about meeting with Tieman, or any memorabilia signings.

Tieman's Facebook page was taken down Sunday night, but cached images collected from the page included a photo of him and Notre Dame's Manti Te'o, which was purportedly taken Jan. 3, less than a week before the BCS game.

AP

In this Nov. 3, 2012, file phot, Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel (2) runs past Mississippi State defensive lineman Kaleb Eulls (92) and other defenders for a touchdown in the second quarter of an NCAA college football game in Starkville, Miss.

LEINA

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The co-leaders were still neck-and-neck as they headed to the east course before Leina Kim pulled ahead after saving par on the par-4, 311-yard No. 16 hole.

"That was our very last hole. She bogeyed that hole and later she came up to me and said congratulations. Actually, before that, I did not know who is winning. I knew we were tied after the first round, but in the second round, I lost count," said Leina Kim, who beat Jeong Yoon Kim by 12 strokes last year, shooting a 1-over par 145 against the 157 of the latter.

"She improved a lot and I am proud of her," the eventual Ladies champion added.

After saving par on the No. 16, Leina Kim ended up with a 2-over par 38 in her last nine holes and adding her even par 36 in the first nine, she posted a 2-over par 74. Jeong Yoon Kim had a 37 and 38 for a gross 75 and another bridesmaid finish.

The victory gave Leina Kim her fourth straight Ladies championship and sixth overall. She started her streak in the TOC in 2010 and got her first two crowns in 2006 and 2007. She vowed to continue competing in the annual tournament and aims to tie if not break the record in the women's division.

Veteran golfer Noriko Togawa holds the record (most wins) in the TOC with her nine victories (1996, 1998 and 1999, 2001-2005, and 2008).

"I am getting there," Leina Kim said.

Leina Kim and Jeong Yoon Kim received $600 and $500, respectively, and trophies for placing in the Top 2 in the Ladies division. Also getting a cash prize ($400) and trophy was third placer Shiori Onoue, who earned a two-day total of 17-over par 161. She carded an 82 (42 and 40) in the first round and played better in the second round with a 79 (40 and 39) to round up the Top 3.

Meanwhile, TOC organizers also recognized the No. 4 and 5 finishers in the Ladies Low Gross. Yuko Togawa finished fourth (163), while Me Ae Jeon came in at fifth (170).

DE JESUS

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Jord in Barcelona, Spain, and though her times was just a few seconds behind her personal best times, she said she is still happy with her performance and the rare opportunity to compete in a big stage.

"It's an amazing atmosphere. You get to meet new people and make new friends as well challenge world class swimmers. It's fun having new friends from all over the world." About my races, they were tiring but I'm glad I have good times, I'm happy about that," said the Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center member.

De Jesus was on Heat 2, Lane 2 of the 50m freestyle race and defeated swimmers from Maldives, Cambodia, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Burkina Faso. In the 50m butterfly, the Tsunami Saipan member was also on Heat 2, Lane 2 and finished eighth in her group.

De Jesus' fellow Tsunami Saipan swimmer Kensuke Kimura also debuted in the World Championships and valued the experience he got from competing in the 50m butterfly (28.01 seconds) and 100m butterfly (1:02.79).

"It's just great. I get a lot out o if it, and I love swimming with all the swimmers from the other countries," who was a bit disappointed for not earning PBTs in Barcelona, but said these failures only encourage him to work harder.

" I have to go back to practice and make sure I don't make the same mistakes again. Even so, this has been a great experience. I want this to make a big difference to the next step of my swimming career," Kimura said.

Kimura was on Heat 1, Lane 7 of the 100m butterfly qualifying race and finished ahead of Ivory Coast and Pakistan bets. In the 50m butterfly, the 17-year-old Kimura was on Heat 3, Lane 0 and prevailed against swimmers from Tanzania, Gambia, and Rwanda.

KFC/TACO

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second canto, courtesy of one basket apiece from Sean Sablan, Sid Quan, and Luther Taylor.

The Blazers went on to play catch up from thereon, but managed to move only within seven midway in the fourth period, as KFC/Taco Bell's much deeper bench continued to contribute on offense to keep its safe distance.

Eugene Manglona top-scored for KFC, making 18 points. Pagarao had 12, while Devero and Jaymark De Guzman chipped in 11 and 10, respectively. Sean Sablan led all scorers with his 21 markers.

In the second game, PIC also gained momentum in the second canto and foiled the Ol'Aces' repeated comeback bids to improve to a 5-2 record for a tie for second place with defending champion Mobil.

After a shaky 18-17 lead at the end of the opening quarter, Raymark Castro came off the bench in the second canto and drilled all his 8 points in that period to give PIC a 42-35 halftime edge.

PIC did a great job protecting the driver's seat in the second half, as big men Darwin Barbo, Ham Hambrose, and Bart Demapan had the edge against the much smaller frontliners of the Ol'Aces, while PIC point guard Ernest Duenas also got into his offensive rhythm.

Duenas delivered 17 points for PIC, which drew 32 points from the trio of Barbo, Hambros, and Demapan. The Ol'Aces had only Freddie Litulimar and Peter Camacho manning the shaded lane and the former recorded only 6 points, while the latter was scoreless.

PIC gained its fourth straight win, while the Ol'Aces dropped their fifth straight game after winning their opening match against the Blazers.

First Game

KFC/Taco Bell 78 – Manglona 18, Pagarao 12, Devero 11, De Guzman 10, Francisco 8, Camacho 6, Fernando 4, Achas 4, Maranan 4, Abuel 2.

Blazers 69 – S. Sablan 21, L. Sablan 11, Taylor 11, Quan 10, Brennan 6, Jung 4, Chargualaf 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-20, 43-26, 61-41, 78-69.

Second Game

Pacific Islands Club 79 – Duenas 17, Demapan 13, Barbo 11, Castro 8, Hambros 8, Abuy 8, Babauta 7, Ne, Salem 4, Ni. Salem 4.

Ol'Aces 70 – Mizer 21, Basa 11, Olaitiman 10, Iguel 10, Ogumoro 6, Litulimar 6, Nekaifes 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-17, 42-35, 67-62, 79-70.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	68	45	.602	_
Tampa Bay	66	45	.595	1
Baltimore	61	51	.545	6 1/2
New York	57	53	.518	9 1/2
Toronto	51	60	.459	16

Central Division

Detroit	64	45	.587	_
Cleveland	62	49	.559	3
Kansas City	56	52	.519	7 1/2
Minnesota	48	60	.444	15 1/2
Chicago	40	69	.367	24

West Division

Oakland	64	47	.577	_
Texas	62	50	.554	2 1/2
Seattle	52	59	.468	12
Los Angeles	51	59	.464	12 1/2
Houston	36	74	.327	27 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	67	45	.598	_
Washington	54	57	.486	12 1/2
Philadelphia	50	61	.450	16 1/2
New York	49	60	.450	16 1/2
Miami	43	67	.391	23

Central Division

Pittsburgh	67	44	.604	_
St. Louis	65	45	.591	1 1/2
Cincinnati	61	51	.545	6 1/2
Chicago	49	62	.441	18
Milwaukee	47	64	.423	20

West Division

Los Angeles	61	49	.555	_
Arizona	56	55	.505	5 1/2
San Diego	52	60	.464	10
Colorado	52	61	.460	10 1/2
San Francisco	49	61	.445	12

BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL SCORES

AKRON, Ohio (AP)–Scores Saturday from Bridgestone Invitational, a PGA Tour event played at the 7,400-yard, par-70 Firestone Country Club (South)

FINAL SCORES

Tiger Woods (550), $1,500,000	66-61-68-70–265
Keegan Bradley (258), $692,500	66-68-71-67–272
Henrik Stenson (258), $692,500	65-70-67-70–272
Miguel A. Jimenez, $321,667	71-69-65-69–274
Zach Johnson (120), $321,667	69-70-68-67–274
Jason Dufner (120), $321,667	67-69-67-71–274
Bill Haas (92), $205,000	67-68-69-71–275
Chris Wood, $205,000	66-68-70-71–275
Luke Donald (76), $145,750	67-69-68-72–276
Jim Furyk (76), $145,750	67-69-72-68–276
Martin Kaymer (76), $145,750	74-67-69-66–276
Richard Sterne, $145,750	70-68-70-68–276
Steve Stricker (65), $114,000	71-67-70-69–277
Harris English (59), $102,667	70-68-72-68–278
Webb Simpson (59), $102,667	64-75-73-66–278
Adam Scott (59), $102,667	73-68-66-71–278
Jamie Donaldson, $93,000	70-69-71-69–279
Justin Rose (54), $93,000	69-72-69-69–279
John Merrick (52), $89,000	72-66-70-72–280
Ian Poulter (52), $89,000	69-72-69-70–280
Hideki Matsuyama, $81,167	72-68-70-71–281
Charl Schwartzel (48), $81,167	74-74-64-69–281
Michael Thompson (48), $81,167	72-71-70-68–281
Bo Van Pelt (48), $81,167	71-73-68-69–281
Rickie Fowler (48), $81,167	67-71-70-73–281
Phil Mickelson (48), $81,167	72-71-67-71–281
Paul Casey (42), $73,500	70-70-73-69–282
Russell Henley (42), $73,500	72-69-75-66–282
Matt Kuchar (42), $73,500	72-71-69-70–282
Paul Lawrie, $73,500	69-72-71-70–282
Rory McIlroy (42), $73,500	70-71-69-72–282
Bubba Watson (42), $73,500	67-69-72-74–282
Peter Hanson (36), $68,000	70-72-70-71–283
Dustin Johnson (36), $68,000	72-69-75-67–283
Ryan Moore (36), $68,000	66-74-70-73–283
Brandt Snedeker (36), $68,000	72-70-71-70–283
Boo Weekley (36), $68,000	73-70-70-70–283
Angel Cabrera (33), $64,500	72-68-70-74–284
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano, $64,500	70-74-68-72–284
Kiradech Aphibarnrat, $61,500	69-68-73-75–285
Sergio Garcia (30), $61,500	71-76-70-68–285
Graeme McDowell (30), $61,500	71-71-71-72–285
Lee Westwood (30), $61,500	71-71-71-72–285
Stephen Gallacher, $57,500	74-74-67-71–286
Billy Horschel (26), $57,500	74-74-72-66–286
Francesco Molinari, $57,500	70-70-72-74–286
Nick Watney (26), $57,500	71-72-70-73–286
Ernie Els (21), $53,000	71-72-70-74–287
Martin Laird (21), $53,000	77-70-71-69–287
Shane Lowry, $53,000	72-76-70-69–287
Thorbjorn Olesen, $53,000	73-69-72-73–287
Richie Ramsay, $53,000	73-69-73-72–287
Sang-Moon Bae (17), $48,875	73-73-70-72–288
Jason Day (17), $48,875	74-72-72-70–288
David Lynn (17), $48,875	71-73-73-71–288
Matteo Manassero, $48,875	71-70-74-73–288
Nicolas Colsaerts (14), $47,250	72-70-74-73–289
Derek Ernst (14), $47,250	73-76-71-69–289
Jonas Blixt (11), $45,750	70-75-73-72–290
Scott Piercy (11), $45,750	68-77-75-70–290
D.A. Points (11), $45,750	73-69-75-73–290
Kevin Streelman (11), $45,750	76-73-71-70–290
Brian Gay (8), $44,250	72-70-75-75–292
Brett Rumford, $44,250	76-74-72-70–292
Ken Duke (4), $42,800	70-75-73-75–293
Tommy Gainey (4), $42,800	74-71-76-72–293
Branden Grace, $42,800	70-75-70-78–293
Mikko Ilonen, $42,800	73-73-73-74–293
Satoshi Kodaira, $42,800	70-74-76-73–293
Carl Pettersson (1), $42,000	72-73-73-77–295
Toru Taniguchi, $41,750	75-73-79-73–300
Jaco Van Zyl, $41,500	73-82-78-72–305
Daniel Popovic, $41,250	79-77-76-82–314

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Blowout wins in opening week of Rotary caging

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REPORTER

The 22nd Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League kicked off last week with three teams notching double-digit winning margins at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Defending champions Sonics started off the hostilities in the U19 league on July 29 and cruised past Proa/Mariana Resort, 69-43. Jack Aranda exploded for 32 points to lift the Sonics to the 26-point win.

The Sonics established a double-digit advantage early, leading at 21-11 after the opening canto and was in complete control of the match by the end of the first half, 40-16.

Omar Ajoste is calling the shots for the defending champions, who have majority of the members of the CNMI U19 National Team on their roster. Ichitaro Faisao, who also suited up for the CNMI Team that competed in Guam in the Micronesian Basketball Tournament in June this year, played for Proa and top-scored for the squad with his 14 markers.

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Two Proa/Mariana Resort's defenders watch the Ol'Aces' Darrius Petris of Tinian go up for a shot during the third quarter of their game in the Rotary U19 caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

his 16 points in the first period to give the Ol'Aces a 22-13 lead and the rest of his teammates picked up the scoring in the last three quarters en route to the 25-point win.

The Ol'Aces' 9-point advantage ballooned to 14 at halftime, 30-16, as Proa scored only one field goal and one free throw in the second canto. Proa continued to struggle offensively in the second half, making only 9 points apiece in the second and third frames, while the Ol'Aces were steady with Darius Pettis and Christian Mizer hitting their marks.

MONDAY

Sonics 69 – Aranda 32, Dela Rosa 8, Vilanueva 6, Javier 6, Alegre 6, Salem 5, Flores 2, Feria 2.

Proa/Mariana Resort 43 – Faisao 14, Manalili 6, Kwon 6, Deleon Guerrero 6, Palacios 3, Villagomez 2, Pamintuan 2, Camacho 1.

Scoring by quarters: 21-11, 41-16, 65-28, 69-43.

WEDNESDAY

Kagman 54 – Jo. Santos 14, Darag 13, Lampkin 10, Malwelbug 6, Je. Santos 5, Mettao 4.

Rollers 40 – Espinosa 12, Morales 9, Fidelino 6, Iglecias 5, Cayading 4, Ano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 13-10, 27-17, 34-25, 54-40.

FRIDAY

Ol'Aces 59 – Olopai 16, Pettis 10, Mizer 8, Maui 6, San Nicolas 6, Babauta 5, Mendoza 5, Camacho 2.

Proa/Mariana Resort 34 – Faisao 13, Deleon Guerrero 13, Aguila 2, Pamintuan 2, Kwon 1, Benavente 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-13, 30-16, 48-25, 59-34.

Bubblebxtt sweeps first round

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Bubblebxtt remained undefeated after the first round of the 2013 Kanoa Resort Women's Basketball Summer League.

Bubblebxtt, which won its debut in the two-round robin league against Hashtag, 57-30, notched two more victories last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium. Bubblebxtt first downed the Ballersss last Wednesday, 63-58, and then completed the opening round sweep with a 63-48 triumph over Yoloswag Attack last Friday.

Against the Ballersss, Bubblebxtt took a 41-31 halftime lead and had to withstand the former's rally in the second half to gain its second straight win. Bubblebxtt drew crucial baskets from Madi Alegre, Jeralyn Castillo, Marie Javier, and Mikki Kautz to preserve the lead and the win.

Alegre top-scored for Bubblebxtt with her 14 points, while Javier and Kautz added 12 and 10, respectively. Dion Diaz led the Ballersss with her 15 points, while Jan Travilla contributed 14 and Ira Palero chipped in 12.

Versus the Yoloswag Attack, Bubblebxtt played better in the second half en route to the 15-point win.

Ahead by only 4 points at halftime, 23-27, Bubblebxtt this time knocked in 30-plus points with four of its players scoring at least three baskets apiece to take the double-digit winning margin. Kautz led Bubblebxtt against Yoloswag Attack, firing 15 points.

Meanwhile, two more games were played last were played last week with Yoloswag Attack and the Ballersss prevailing over separate foes.

Yoloswag Attack (1-2) broke into the win column after topping Hashtag (0-3) in the second game last Wednesday.

Rikkie Kautz scored 20 points to power Yoloswag Attack to its first win, while her three other teammates also tallied twin digits. Kaylani Lebria nailed 13 points, while Havika Farro and Jazmin Rayphand logged 10 each.

Kyla Ito had 17 points for Hashtag, which was without key players Rachel Abrams and Nikka Atalig.

The Ballersss handed Hashtag its third loss in as many games after posting a 53-41 win in last Friday's opening match.

A 33-19 start was all the Ballersss needed to bounce back from a close defeat to Bubblebxtt. Dion Diaz paced the Ballersss with her 12 points, while Jan Travilla contributed 10 and the rest of Bubblebxtt's players also made it to the board. Abrams had 22 points for Hashtag and she had only Kyla Ito helping her on offense.

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The Ballersss' Jan Travilla, center, and Ira Palero try to keep up with Hashtag's Jhaneeka Atalig during a fastbreak play in the fourth quarter of their game in the Kanoa women's caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kagman 54, Rollers 40

In the second game last Wednesday, Kagman walloped the Rollers.

Kagman started slow, behind by three at the end of the first period, 10-13, but got its act together in the second canto and held Rollers to 4 points to take a 27-17 halftime advantage. Kagman never looked back from thereon.

John Santos led Kagman with his 14 points, while John Darag and Jason Lampkin also finished in double figures with their 13 and 10 markers, respectively.

Ol'Aces 59, Proa 34

In last Friday's game, the Tinian players-laden Ol'Aces handed Proa/Mariana Resort its second straight loss.

Derek Olopai drained 10 of

Sister Market routs Navy Hill

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Sister Market reached the century mark en route to an easy 100-82 win over Navy Hill in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Sister Market now has a 3-1 record for second place in Pool A behind the unbeaten Kamikaze (3-0), notching its third straight win and boosting its chances for the automatic quarterfinals berth. The Top 2 finishers in Pools A and B will gain outright quarterfinals berth, while the No. 2 to 6 placers will compete in the first round of the playoffs. Only one team in each pool will be eliminated after the round-robin regular season and Navy Hill is in danger of getting an early vacation as it holds a 1-4 slate.

A third-quarter run helped Sister Market extend its win streak, as it doubled-up Navy Hill, 35-17. With Sister Market dominating the third, it turned a 44-48 halftime deficit to a promising 79-65 lead. Melvin Capalad and Jun Tabora connived in the pivotal third, scoring 8 points apiece, while four other Sister Market players contributed at least two baskets each to grab the driver's seat from Navy Hill.

Sister Market continued its balanced offense in the fourth to keep the double-digit lead in the fourth en route to the 18-point win.

RadioCom 75, Kalayaan 70

RadioCom (4-1) also leaned on a third-quarter rally to beat Kalayaan (1-4), in a Pool B match.

Down by 11 at the break, 33-44, Perry Inos brought RadioCom back in the game, dropping 10 of his 19 points in the third period. Inos outscored the entire Kalayaan crew, who managed only 6 points in the third canto and lost the lead, 50-52, entering the fourth frame.

Inos kept going in the fourth, gaining 7 more points, three of them came in the closing minutes, while Rocyl Ritual and Justin Zapanta also connected one crucial basket apiece to complete the come-from-behind win.

Inos top-scored for RadioCom with his 19 points and five of his teammates added at least 7 points each. Leo Apelo paced Kalayaan with his 16 markers.

First Game

Sister Market 100 – Capalad 30, Tabora 16, Santos 10, Norita 8, Bisana 6, Teregeyo 6, Jugos 5, Tobias 3.

Navy Hill 82 – Devero 18, Quan 14, Camacho 13, Rebuyon 10, Buenabajo 5, Culala 5, Diaz 4, Cortez 4, Leomo 4, Vinas 3.

Scoring by quarters: 23-24, 44-48, 79-65, 100-82.

Second Game

RadioCom 75 – Inos 79, Standish 9, Zapanta 8, Metran 8, Jose 8, Ritual 7, Salas 5, Pantaleon 2.

Kalayaan 70 – Apelo 16, Lerio 14, R. Hernandez 9, Herrera 7, Caro 7, Jung 6, Lejano 1.

Scoring by quarters: 17-20, 33-44, 52-50, 75-70.

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RadioCom's Perry Inos, seen here going for a putback, lifted his team to a come-from-behind win over Kalayaan in the DL Corp. caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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KFC/Taco Bell, PIC down foes

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KFC/Taco Bell and Pacific Islands Club were victorious in last Saturday's games in the Emon Lodge No. 179 Brotherhood Basketball League 2013/Docomo Pacific Cup at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first match last weekend, KFC (4-3) defeated the winless Blazers (0-7), while PIC edged the Ol'Aces in the second game of the night, 79-70.

The KFC/Taco Bell-Blazers tiff was anybody's game after the first period, as the former was ahead by only a deuce, 22-20, However, KFC/Taco Bell started pulling away in the second canto, scoring 21 points against only 6 from the Blazers to take a 42-26 lead.

Lerio Pagarao sparked the breakaway, nailing 8 points in the second period, while fellow wingman Ivan Devero chipped in 5. The Blazers connected only 3 field goals in the

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KFC/Taco Bell's Herbert Maranan collides with the Blazers' Nate Chargualaf on his way to the basket during the fourth quarter of their game in the Emon Lodge caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Leina Kim, second left, poses with Tournament of Champions organizers and sponsors after receiving her first place prizes in the Ladies division during last Sunday's awards ceremony at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Leina continues reign at TOC

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Top collegiate golfer Leina Kim extended her winning run in the Tournament of Champions after escaping with a close victory in last weekend's competition at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

"It was nerve-wracking," said Kim, who shot a two-day total of 6-over 150, just one stroke ahead of junior golfer Jeong Yoon Kim.

Leina Kim, the Colorado State University-Pueblo's Rookie of the Year and Golfer of the Year awardee in NCAA Division II's Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and Jeong Yoon Kim were in a standoff after the first round last Saturday. Jeong Yoon Kim shot a 39 and 37 on the front and back nines of the west course for a 4-over par 76, while Leina Kim was consistent in the first day with her 38s.

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De Jesus realizes childhood dream

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CNMI swimmer completed her debut in the 15th FINA World Championships last weekend to fulfill a childhood dream.

"When I was young, I loved watching older swimmers compete. I became interested in those swimmers. So when I joined a team at the age of 8, I knew I wanted to be like them and be a successful swimmer," De Jesus was quoted as saying by The Reporter's Academy UK's Alice McAlpine.

The 14-year-old swimmer raced in the 50m freestyle (31.01 seconds) last Friday and the 50m butterfly (34.82 seconds) last Saturday at the Palau Sant

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The CNMI's Angel De Jesus races in the 50m butterfly event in the 15th FINA World Championships last Saturday at the Palau Sant Jord in Barcelona, Spain.